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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 30–JANUARY 5

New Topic for Conversation

1. Review scripture texts. (See page 2, under week of December 29.)
2. How can we tie these in with the current offer?

JANUARY 6-12

Be a good listener

1. Why should we show genuine interest in what the householder says?
2. Why is it good to agree with householder whenever appropriate?
3. How can you incorporate the householder's comments into your presentation?

JANUARY 13-19

How can we be tactful

1. When householder is unkind?
2. When person calls down from an upstairs window?
3. When a third person interrupts conversation?
4. When ordered to leave?

JANUARY 20-26

Offering magazines

1. Why should magazine presentations be brief?
2. How do you make return visits on magazine placements?
3. Why do householders need our magazines?

JANUARY 27–FEBRUARY 2

House-to-house witnessing

1. Why are some cautious about opening the door?
2. What might encourage them to open the door?

Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom

1 Since the year 1939 the words "Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom" have appeared on the cover of every issue of *The Watchtower,* and how appropriate this is! People everywhere need to know about God's Kingdom. Why? Because the Kingdom is the solution to all the problems that distress mankind and because the very lives of people are at stake. It has been by reading the Bible along with this magazine that people by the thousands in all parts of the earth have come to know and love Jehovah, and they are enthusiastically joining the growing number of loyal supporters of his Kingdom.

2 It is appropriate, then, that we begin the 1986 calendar year with the 48th annual *Watchtower* subscription campaign. While emphasis should be placed on *The Watchtower,* excellent results may come from offering the *Awake!* subscription too.

USING *THE WATCHTOWER* TO HELP OTHERS

3 We will want to take advantage of every opportunity to offer subscriptions. A few ways in which this can be done are from house to house; on return visits; in street and business witnessing; to neighbors, fellow workers, or schoolmates; and as gifts to relatives. No doubt you can think of other ways to offer subscriptions. Helpful suggestions were given in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for April 1983.

4 The opening articles in the January issues should stimulate us to make an enthusiastic presentation of the magazines. For example, the January 1 *Watchtower* cover title is "The Horsemen of the Apocalypse—The Mystery Solved" and for January 15, "The Horsemen of the Apocalypse—How Their Ride Affects You." The February 1 and 15 issues will feature a continuation of this theme with the cover titles "The Beasts of the Apocalypse—What Do They Mean?" and "The Apocalypse—When?" What a powerful aid these magazines will be in helping people to learn about Jehovah's Kingdom!

5 In order to impart something meaningful, advance preparation is essential. Become well acquainted with the material you are going to feature. Highlight specific points.

6 Be ready also to describe the purpose and contents of *The Watch-*

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How to Prepare Magazine Presentations

1 If you wanted to show someone how to cope with today's problems, what would be your source material? If you wanted to give the real meaning behind current events, yet remain politically neutral and not exalt one race above another, where could you turn? If you wanted to help someone keep watch on world events as they fulfill Bible prophecy, what information could you confidently refer to? If you wanted to offer something that encourages faith in the now-reigning King, Jesus Christ, and exalts Jehovah God as the Sovereign of the universe, what is the best printed material available? The answer to all these questions is *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*

2 Truly, we have in these two magazines the reading material needed by mankind today. Are we offering these magazines with conviction, enthusiasm, and zeal? Are we well prepared so as to make time count? Could we improve our presentations?

ADVANCE PREPARATION

3 One of the best ways to become immediately familiar with what is in each issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* is to read what appears on page 2 in the sections "In This Issue" and "Feature Articles." Many publishers get ideas on what to feature just from reading over this brief material. But this is only a beginning.

4 Next, look through the pages of each issue and read over the article titles and subheadings. Then pause and reflect on who in the territory might be interested in these subjects. Thereafter, read through the magazine, article by article, making note of interesting talking points. Occasionally, important points are highlighted in italics or bold type right in the articles themselves. Refer to these when showing the magazines to individuals.

5 As you read through each magazine, determine which articles would fit various types of people in the territory. Certain articles are especially suited to a particular segment of the population. Articles have appeared concerning single parents, abortion, nuclear warfare, child abuse, and accidents, plus a host of other specific topics. So, as we read the variety of articles pub-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 29

Song 136

5 min: Local announcements, including title of first talk on *Creation* book to be given this Sunday. Remind all to bring personal copy of book for use as directed by speaker. Bring *Reasoning* book to Service Meeting next week for use in discussion of introductions.

10 min: Topic for Conversation. Service overseer or other qualified brother to conduct brief review of new topic and then present well-rehearsed demonstration showing how to make an effective transition to subscription offer. Publisher could say: "Truly there are many conditions existing today that cause us to be concerned about the future, are there not?" Allow for a reply and then cite an example or two illustrating the concern. Then state: "While world problems seem to perplex many, did you know that long ago God revealed what will shortly take place in our day? What he said in the Bible book of Revelation reveals much about our future." Read Revelation 1:1 and then refer to a particular point in the cover article of the January 1 or January 15, 1986, *Watchtower* that shows how the prophecy is being fulfilled today. Continue by saying: "Even though distressing conditions exist today, note the happy future God has promised. [Read Revelation 21:3, 4.] This issue of *The Watchtower* discusses in greater detail what the Bible foretold about the future. You can receive 24 issues of this magazine in one year for $4.00." Conclude this part by encouraging participation in offering *Watchtower* subscription on first Sunday in January.

30 min: "1986 District Convention Arrangements." Question-and-answer discussion by convention coordinator. Please read paragraphs 2-4, 6, and 8-14, and make application of scriptures as time allows.

Song 36 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 5

Song 193

10 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Briefly review instructions in the December 1, 1984, *Watchtower,* page 25, regarding use of the Medical Alert card, and distribute new cards. Encourage brothers to fill out card promptly, having it properly signed, witnessed, and dated. Second talk on *Creation* book this Sunday. Announce title.

12 min: "Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom." Question-and-answer discussion. Encourage all to be out in magazine work this Saturday and share in Sunday witnessing with subscription offer.

15 min: "Introducing the Good News." Discussion of article with audience participation. In connection with paragraph 3, have capable publisher *briefly* demonstrate one or two introductions appropriate to the local territory. Chairman should comment on other introductions in the *Reasoning* book but demonstrate only those most likely to be used locally.

8 min: "Love for the Worldwide Brotherhood." Encouraging talk on benefits of circuit assemblies, highlighting the theme of assemblies to begin in February.

Song 92 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 12

Song 20

10 min: Local announcements. Include accounts report, giving a breakdown on expenditures for the month, and comment on how the congregation did in contributing to cover the expenses. Adapt to local needs and give appropriate commendation. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing this Saturday. Give title of talk for Sunday.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Following Up on Expiring Subscription Slips." Questions and answers. Also, have a demonstration of publisher calling on subscriber, based on paragraph 6. Publisher should be sure to feature some point of interest in current issue of the magazine. Stress the importance of a positive, optimistic approach. Chairman should ask all to check the information board for the new instructions on how to handle subscriptions. Congregation secretary and the brother caring for the subscriptions should take special note. It would be good for the chairman to make reference to the S-11 form, "How to Handle Subscriptions Properly," and see that it is posted before this Service Meeting.

15 min: "Why Clothe Ourselves With Mildness?" Talk based on *Watchtower* article, November 15, 1985, pages 6-8.

Song 211 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 19

Song 8

10 min: Local announcements. Announce title of talk on *Creation* book for this Sunday.

20 min: "How to Prepare Magazine Presentations." Cover all paragraphs by question-and-answer method. Arrange for an eight-minute demonstration of two publishers, preferably regular pioneers, discussing with each other how they prepare in advance to offer the magazines. They should base their comments on the examples found in paragraphs 3-5. Use the latest magazines available. Conclude with a 30- to 60-second magazine presentation. Encourage participation in magazine work on fourth Saturday.

15 min: "Do You Remember?" Review by *Watchtower* Study conductor, based on feature in the December 15, 1985, *Watchtower,* page 30.

Song 192 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 26

Song 130

10 min: Local announcements. Outline local arrangements for midweek and weekend field service. Encourage support for service arrangements on first Sunday in February. Fifth talk on *Creation* book will be given this Sunday. Give title of talk.

20 min: Be encouraged by 1986 *Yearbook* reports. Animated talk encouraging brothers to make good use of new *Yearbook*. Refer to Theocratic News for this month and point out that *Yearbook* reports fill in greater detail. Suggest reading *Yearbook* as family group where practical. All are encouraged by seeing evidence of Jehovah's blessing upon his organized people.

15 min: Local needs or may cover article "Do You Honor Jehovah With Your Valuable Things?" in December 1, 1985, *Watchtower*. Make local application of information.

Song 151 and concluding prayer.

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1986 District Convention Arrangements

[1] Divine education promotes peace. This was emphasized by the inspired words of the prophet Isaiah regarding sons of God's symbolic woman, or heavenly organization, when he stated: "And all your sons will be persons taught by Jehovah, and the peace of your sons will be abundant." (Isa. 54:13) That statement certainly shows a direct relationship between divine education and peace. Furthermore, the apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians stated: "The peace of God that excels all thought will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7) Since this "peace of God" is granted to and enjoyed only by those who willingly receive and apply such divine education, we are confident that you will be anxious to be in attendance at one of the forthcoming 1986 "Divine Peace" District Conventions that are being scheduled in the contiguous United States. A complete list will be in the February 1, 1986, *Watchtower*. There is no question that this will require real effort on your part. The apostle Peter in his first letter to the early Christians wrote that they should "seek peace and pursue it." (1 Pet. 3:11) The rewards should prove to be well worth the effort we may expend to be in attendance.

[2] During the announcement period of the Service Meeting for the week of December 29, the letter from the Society dated December 10, 1985, should be read, informing the congregation of the convention it is assigned to attend. Following this Service Meeting, the elders should post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list that has been received from the district convention committee of all the motels that are cooperating with the Society's rooming arrangement. By cooperating with these arrangements, the congregations will help the convention organization in its efforts to provide sufficient seats, food, literature, and rooming accommodations for everyone. To assist you in making the necessary arrangements, the information that follows is being provided. As you make your plans to be in attendance, lovingly include others who need assistance, especially newly interested ones, so that they too can attend every session. (Gal. 6:10) The program will start at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS

[3] You should make your own rooming arrangements directly with the motel by using the information provided by the convention through your congregation. In most cases you will pay a great deal less than the regular rates charged by the motel, since the local convention committee has negotiated for a large number of good quality rooms. These rooms will be assigned by the motel only to those identifying themselves as Jehovah's Witnesses or as delegates attending the Watchtower Convention. The Recommended Lodging Locations list shows the address of the facility, its agreed-upon rates, and the phone number to be used in making your reservation.

[4] **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** As soon as your congregation posts the list of motels, you should IMMEDIATELY phone the motel of your choice, identifying yourself as one of Jehovah's Witnesses or as a delegate attending the Watchtower Convention. Doing so will qualify you for the agreed-upon rates listed. Do not make rooming reservations at more than one facility or reservations that you do not intend to use. (Matt. 5:37) MOTELS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO EXTEND THE SPECIAL RATES BEYOND THE CUT-

OFF DATE. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations, you should write or phone the motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. This makes the room available for other delegates who need accommodations. If the motel you call first is filled, then call your next selection from the list, and so on. The convention Rooming Department will monitor the arrangement and, through the congregation, will provide revised lists as long as necessary, deleting those motels that are filled and adding additional ones until everyone has a room. Thus, if the motels on the list are filled when you call, please wait patiently for the next list and you will be able to obtain a room.

[5] **DORMITORIES**: A few conventions use school dormitories in order to accommodate all those attending. Usually congregations will receive information on these a month or so after the first motel listing. Those needing accommodations of this type should follow through in accord with the instructions on the list that is sent to the congregations by the convention committee.

[6] **SPECIAL NEEDS**: Arrangements to care for those with special needs should be made by the congregation where these attend. Elders and others aware of such circumstances can lovingly extend help. This often involves taking others with them in their own group, for example, those in full-time service, the elderly, the infirm, or the deaf. They may also care for such ones in other ways. (Acts 20:35; Jas. 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18) We are confident that loving concern will be shown to all who need our help. (2 Cor. 6:11-13; John 13:35; Gal. 6:10) Of course, the convention Rooming Department will endeavor to provide rooming accommodations for those with special needs who are unable to care for themselves, or who cannot be cared for or assisted by those from their local congregation. These may ask the convention coordinator in their congregation for a Special Needs Room Request form, discussing their situation with him at that time. Those with special needs are the only ones that should use this form. They should fill it out and return it to the convention coordinator to be checked for completeness, accuracy, and verification of the fact that their circumstances qualify them for special needs consideration that cannot be cared for by the local congregation. This should be done well ahead of the convention. Even though the convention coordinator forwards the form for the publisher with special needs to the convention Rooming Department, the individual will be notified directly of the accommodations by the Rooming Department. The publisher with special needs should NOT simply go to the convention and request a room when he arrives, because the convention Rooming Department needs the verification of the congregation's convention coordinator.

[7] Private home accommodations listed by the convention are usually set aside for those who have limited funds and who would experience real hardship if such accommodations were not available. They are not intended for those who want free or inexpensive rooms just to save money. Nor is it proper for delegates to presume upon the hospitality of our brothers by expecting to be accommodated extra days so that they can visit vacation spots or do other things before or after the convention. These rooms are for the convention period only.

[8] **DELEGATES ATTENDING FROM OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED AREA**: To reduce travel, district conventions are arranged at many locations. In nearly every case, the location assigned for you to attend is the one nearest to your congregation. Seating, literature, food orders, and so forth, are planned on the premise that the majority will attend the convention to which they

are assigned. However, if for some reason you will be attending a location other than the one assigned, you may ask the convention coordinator in your congregation for the address of the convention headquarters where you will attend. He will find these addresses listed on the back of the Special Needs Room Request form. Unless persons have special needs, they should NOT use the Special Needs Room Request form. Rather, they should write to the convention headquarters where they wish to attend and request a copy of the motel listing for that location, sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with this request. Upon receipt of this listing of motels, they should proceed just as if they were using the list for their local area.

9 **YOUR COOPERATION NEEDED:** The smoothness and the success with which this rooming arrangement functions depends largely on the cooperation of everyone involved. For instance, if a number of delegates run ahead and make reservations on their own before the congregation receives the list of facilities that are cooperating with the convention Rooming Department, it can cause a major breakdown in negotiations. This would also include making reservations for the following year while attending the current convention as some have done, even though they do not know the dates or if a convention will even be scheduled in that city. If this is done and a convention is scheduled in that city the following year, the motel management would see no need to list with the convention nor give them special rates, since most of the rooms would already be filled with our people during that time. The same is true if a number of delegates choose to make their own arrangements with facilities the convention did not list because they did not cooperate with the convention rooming arrangement.

10 In the past some have not seen fit, for one reason or another, to select their rooming accommodations from motels on the Recommended Lodging Locations list provided through the Society's arrangement. When this happens, it has been known to jeopardize seriously the possibility of using that city again for a convention, because other motels have learned of those that did not cooperate with us and yet these motels were filled with our people at much higher rates than we were willing to list. One such motel manager stated: "WHY SHOULD I LIST ROOMS WITH YOUR CONVENTION AT LOWER RATES? I FILL THEM ANYWAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE!" Managers who cooperated with us on rates and whose motels were listed have felt taken advantage of, since other motels did not cooperate and yet they were filled at much higher rates. As a result, they have stated that for future conventions they will raise their rates too.

11 As an example, a motel across the street from the convention site or elsewhere may not lower its rates or may possibly even raise them for the convention, as has been the case in some instances. Hence, the convention Rooming Department advises the motel management that the motel will not be put on the list and thus get our business. However, if brothers go ahead and accept these higher rates and fill this motel, even though it is not listed, then that motel may never lower its rates. In turn, the management of other motels may be encouraged to hold out for higher prices.

12 We have been informed, also, of another practice on the part of some that is seriously damaging our relationship with the motels as well as depriving other brothers and sisters of needed rooming accommodations. Some have been making reservations at a number of motels and when they arrive in the convention city, they check each one. The one that

suits them best is the one they take. This results in a considerable number of rooms remaining empty and perhaps prevents some of our brothers and sisters from enjoying the accommodations they prefer. It also causes the motel to lose money, since there is no demand at this point for the room unless someone happens to come at the last minute.

[13] In this regard, a letter was recently received from the general manager of a very prominent motel who had this to say: 'We have deeply appreciated having Jehovah's Witnesses stay here. However, there has been a trend developing, in the last years, on the part of those attending to make a reservation for a room early in the year, with no real intention of using that room. This year, our reservation department had to refuse some of your people's requests for accommodations, only to find there were many rooms unclaimed throughout your convention. Some, by their own admission, had reserved rooms at *three* motels, intending to see, on arrival, which one they liked best. This is certainly an unfair practice for both the motels and for those persons who had wished to come but had been informed that there were no rooms available.'

[14] The conventions are working to save all our brothers as much expense as possible, and so it is in the best interests of all that everyone cooperate fully with the Society's rooming arrangement. The listing is broad enough to give a choice of good quality accommodations and yet give preference to the motels that cooperate. Our aim with this rooming arrangement is to help delegates to be accommodated as comfortably and economically as possible, so that they will be refreshed and fully able to enjoy the fine spiritual program.

SIGN LANGUAGE SESSIONS

[15] As you will note in the February 1, 1986, *Watchtower,* sign language translation will be provided ONLY at 16 specific convention cities. (No provision will be made at any other conventions for sign language.) We know this will prove to be a real blessing to those with this special need by providing good quality translating and larger groups with which to enjoy upbuilding fellowship. Those who are signers can do much to let the deaf in their congregation know of the arrangements and help them to attend where the sign language provision is made by the Society.

TAPE RECORDINGS

[16] No provision will be made by the Society for recording the program or the dramas either on audiotape or on videotape. Any individuals who make personal recordings for their own use should do so in such a way that it will not disturb or distract others in attendance.

[NOTE TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: Please read the Society's convention assignment letter for your congregation, dated December 10, 1985, at your Service Meeting during the week of December 29 and post on the congregation's information board the Recommended Lodging Locations list from the district convention committee. Please read the assignment letter again at your next meeting and then post it on the information board. In this way, all the congregations will receive the information the same week.

The elder serving as the convention coordinator should conduct the Service Meeting part covering this insert as scheduled, as well as handle other convention-related material and announcements on the meetings. When covering this insert, please read paragraphs 2-4, 6, and 8-14, and make application of scriptures as time allows. All elders will want to cooperate fully and offer suggestions to ensure the prompt, enthusiastic, and effective handling of convention-related material.]

Announcements

- Literature offer for **January and February:** *Watchtower* subscription for one year for a contribution of $4.00. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. If subscription is not taken, offer two magazines and a brochure for 70¢, or one brochure and one *Watchtower* magazine for 50¢. **March:** Any of the following 192-page books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution, Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security, This Life, World Government.* Congregations may request credit for all books placed. Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Holy Spirit* may be ordered from the Society. **April and May:** *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00.
- At circuit assemblies having the new program starting in February, district overseers will give the public talk "A Worldwide Brotherhood Saved From Calamity." Starting in February, circuit overseers will be giving the public talk "Who Are True Christians Today?"
- Subscriptions and distributors' orders for the large-print edition of *The Watchtower* in Japanese and Portuguese are now being accepted. The printing will not be handled in the United States but by other branches. Due to the distance and mail service, the magazines may not arrive in time for use at the *Watchtower* Study. However, these large-print editions are being made available so that the visually impaired are able to receive spiritual food in a form easy to read. The regular *Watchtower* subscription slip (M-1) and Distributors' Order form (M-202) should be used. Please mark clearly in the upper right-hand corner, "LARGE PRINT." Some may be interested in receiving airmail subscriptions for these large-print foreign-language magazines in order to receive them in time for the *Watchtower* Study. This would involve extra cost to the subscriber for the airmail postage. Any who might be interested in this special service may inquire of the Society.
- New Publications Available:
    - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (1985 edition with marginal references; congregation and public: $3.50; pioneers: $2.00) —Spanish
    - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 5, Jo-Ni) —French
    - *Life Does Have a Purpose* —Hebrew
    - *My Book of Bible Stories* (Small size) —Spanish
    - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Italian
    - *"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves With Music in Your Hearts"* (Paper) —Arabic
    - *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever* —Shona
    - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Ukrainian
- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:
    - *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (4 volumes) may be requested on a loan basis or purchased for $5.00.
    - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* (1 volume) may be requested on a loan basis or purchased for $1.00. (Also available in grade-one Spanish Braille.)
    - *Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1986* (1 volume) FREE upon request.

To obtain Braille publications, please send in a separate order (including the remittance, if purchased), and the name and address of the person that will use them. Mark your order: ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK.

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
    - *Psalms* (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Italian, Spanish

Introducing the Good News

1 Do you find that your opening words at the door are often the most difficult part of presenting the good news? Yet how eager we are to have people listen to the Bible's lifesaving message! (John 17:3; 1 Tim. 4:16) To accomplish this, we need to develop introductions that will arouse interest in our new Topic for Conversation.

2 As announced in the October issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* circuit overseers have been reviewing points from the new book *Reasoning From the Scriptures* at meetings for field service during their visits with the congregations. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings they have been considering introductions that would be appropriate in the local territory. Pages 9-15 of the *Reasoning* book set out about 40 different introductions that could relate to various topics for discussion. Are you using this valuable information?

3 You may find it easy to use the third introduction on page 10 under "BIBLE/GOD." You might simply say: "I'm glad to find you at home. I'm sharing with my neighbors an encouraging thought from the Bible. Have you ever wondered what the future holds for you?" After listening to the householder's response, it is quite natural to proceed to discuss Revelation 1:1 and Revelation 21:3, 4. If you find it best not to mention the Bible so early in your presentation, you may wish to try using the first suggestion under "FUTURE/SECURITY" on page 11, tailoring it to lead into the two scriptures from Revelation. A review of the other suggested introductions may give you additional ideas that will work well in your territory.

4 By making good use of this feature in our *Reasoning* book, those important introductory words will not be so difficult to find. This should lead to more conversations in which we can highlight the Kingdom theme of our ministry. May we all show genuine concern for the future of others by using appealing introductions.

Announcing *(Cont'd)*

tower in a general way. Interest may be shown in such things as the number of languages in which *The Watchtower* is published, how many copies of each issue are printed, the number of lands in which it is distributed, and the fact that it is read by people of all religions.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

7 The real purpose behind our work is to give a witness and cultivate interest in God's Word. *The Watchtower* is a valuable aid for helping people to understand and respect the Bible. Show conviction and sincerity as you successfully announce Jehovah's Kingdom with *The Watchtower* subscription during January.

Love for the Worldwide Brotherhood

1 "I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34) Love for one another proved to be absolutely necessary for those disciples of Christ Jesus in the first century. In this 20th century it is just as necessary that such love be shown. How appropriate, then, that the theme chosen for the circuit assemblies to begin in February 1986 should be "Love for the Worldwide Brotherhood."

2 The program is designed to consider many aspects of this love that is so necessary as a bonding agent, holding God's people together in unity and integrity. While Satan's world continues to manifest hatred among nations, peoples, languages, and cultures, Jehovah's people manifest love for the worldwide household of faith. The circuit assembly program has been designed to encourage the showing of love not only to those related to us in the faith but also to those we can help to learn the truth and come into association with us.

3 Our aim is that Jehovah should find us in an approved condition as a united brotherhood worldwide. (2 Pet. 3:13, 14) Let us all make plans now to be present both days.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Following Up on Expiring Subscription Slips

[1] Calling on people whose *Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscriptions are soon to expire provides an excellent opportunity to give a further witness. The groundwork has already been laid, and the householder has been receiving one or both of the magazines regularly for some time. Although some will not have read everything in each issue, they have had spiritual food coming into their home on a regular basis to remind them about Jehovah and his Kingdom blessings.

[2] Expiring Subscription slips should be given to the one who obtained the original subscription. But because of publishers moving or subscriptions being sent in by someone from another congregation, you may have opportunity to follow up on an Expiring Subscription slip. What view should we take toward making one of these return visits?

THE PROPER VIEW

[3] We should go with a positive attitude toward giving a further witness and, of course, encouraging the person to resubscribe. Maybe the householder was not ready to study when he originally subscribed, but now, after receiving the magazine for a year, his viewpoint may have changed.

[4] What can be done to give subscribers the best possible service and to help the Society process subscription renewals promptly? Some points for consideration are: (1) Those handling subscriptions should be prompt in getting the Expiring Subscription slips into the hands of the brothers so that a return visit can be made to renew the subscription. (2) Publishers should have the slip with them when making the return visit and use it if the person resubscribes, rather than using a blank subscription slip. This makes it unnecessary to return the address portion of the magazine wrapper. (3) All subscriptions should be turned in at the very next meeting if at all possible. In turn, these should be mailed to the Society EACH WEEK even if there is only one to be sent.

WHAT COULD YOU SAY?

[5] When calling on someone whose subscription is about to expire, what could we say that would stimulate interest in reading the magazine? Would a direct approach be best, just advising the person that the subscription is to run out soon and inviting him to renew it? This may bring results in some cases. However, it is often found that the subscriber's interest has waned if someone has not been calling on him regularly. So it may be necessary to revive the initial interest.

[6] After introducing yourself, you might say: "I am making a special effort to visit people in the community who have been receiving *The Watchtower* (or *Awake!*) through the mail this past year. I hope you have been enjoying it as much as I have." A brief pause at this point would give the householder an opportunity to comment on whether he has been able to read many of the articles. You could then go on to say: "Here in the current issue is an article I especially enjoyed. [Give subject or title of article. A few additional comments about the article may be appropriate.] We have just received a notice that your subscription will soon be expiring (or has expired) and we do not want you to miss a single issue. I would be happy to send in the renewal for you. The cost is just $4.00 for the entire year." The householder may choose not to renew at that time, but if you discern there is still some interest, arrangements could be made to call again.

[7] Remember that our purpose is to teach people the truth and to share in the vindication of Jehovah's great and holy name. Aside from *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* there are no magazines on the face of the earth that serve the divine purpose. What a blessing comes to the household receiving and regularly reading these magazines! Let us do our part by making good use of the Expiring Subscription slips.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	295	131.2	101.6	56.5	5.8
Pios.	44,106	88.7	52.1	31.4	3.1
Aux. Pios.	53,927	60.7	37.6	17.2	1.4
Pubs.	604,676	9.7	7.5	3.7	0.4
TOTAL	703,004				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,949

The October report shows that 14 percent of our total publishers are in the pioneer service. The new peak of 44,106 regular pioneers is 1,897 more than our September peak and 8,643 more than October of last year.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Australia was happy to conclude the past service year with a new peak of 42,453 publishers for August.**
- **Burma also had a new peak of 1,352 publishers in August.**
- **Central African Republic had a new peak of 1,320 publishers reporting for August.**
- **Honduras broke through the 4,000 mark with 4,065 publishers reporting activity during August, an 18-percent increase over last year's average.**
- **India had a new peak of 7,410 publishers for August.**
- **Tahiti had a new peak of 622 publishers—an 11-percent increase—in August. The district convention was attended by 1,280, and 23 were baptized.**
- **New Zealand had a new peak of 9,143 publishers and a new peak of Bible studies in August.**
- **Uruguay saw all-time peaks of 5,329 publishers and 7,502 Bible studies in August. The congregation publishers averaged 11.1 hours in the service.**

Magazine Presentations (*Cont'd*)

lished, look for and note points that would best fit people in your territory.

IN THE FIELD

[6] All our advance preparation will not help those in need of the information in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* unless we get out in the field. If we appreciate these magazines, we will regularly set aside time to engage in the magazine activity. Make a special effort to support field service arrangements on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Make it your goal to increase your magazine distribution, if possible. Keep in mind the importance of knowing what is contained in each issue. Do not hesitate to offer them at every opportunity. Prepare well so as to do your utmost in handling the word of truth aright.—2 Tim. 2:15.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

January 5: Pages 65, par. 9 to 69
January 12: Pages 70 to 74, par. 10
January 19: Pages 74, par. 11 to 80, par. 6
January 26: Pages 80, par. 7 to 82, par. 12

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Does the Future Hold for You?

Rev. 1:1—God reveals what will shortly take place.

Rev. 21:3, 4—You can have a happy future promised by God.

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 3-9

Current magazines

1. Which articles will appeal to those in your territory? Why?
2. Which talking points will you use?

FEBRUARY 10-16

How would you offer subscriptions

1. To a relative?
2. To a workmate?
3. House to house?

FEBRUARY 17-23

Preparation for service

1. How do you prepare?
2. What introductions do you find effective?
3. What do you need in your witnessing case?

FEBRUARY 24–MARCH 2

Using the *Reasoning* book, how would you respond if someone said:

1. "I'm not interested."
2. "I have my own religion."
3. "I'm busy."

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Continue Offering *Watchtower* Subscriptions

The Watchtower Permanently in Four Colors!

[1] All of us rejoiced to see the lovely four-color covers on the January 1 *Watchtower* and the following issues. Yes, this is now a permanent feature! So, let us zealously recommend to all persons who show interest that they read all of the year's 24 issues of these colorful magazines. The subscription is still only $4.00!

REACH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE

[2] What can you do to reach as many as possible with the subscription offer in February? One thing is to prepare a list of those you can visit, such as former Bible students, relatives, workmates, neighbors, schoolmates, and teachers. Last month you perhaps left individual magazines with some who were busy at the time you called. Or someone may have shown interest in a particular issue. Return and offer the subscription this month. These people are already acquainted with you and may be open to further discussion. If they have already enjoyed one issue of the magazine, their interest may be aroused to obtain it regularly by subscribing. During February, make a special effort to call on these individuals.

[3] The Topic for Conversation "What Does the Future Hold for You?" helps us to think about our own future. In discussing this topic with a householder, help him to picture what the future can hold for him. This may motivate him to think seriously on the subject and encourage him to look for answers about the future. How can the Topic for Conversation be used to present the subscription in an effective manner?

PREPARE A PRESENTATION

[4] The *Reasoning* book provides some helpful material under the subheading "Future/Security" on page 11. The first suggestion may effectively be adapted to introduce the current Topic for Conversation. You could say: "Good morning. How are you? . . . We are sharing with our neighbors a positive view of the future. Do you find that some situations make it hard to be positive? . . . I have found the Bible very helpful in this respect. At Revelation 1:1, the Bible shows that God is the one who reveals what the future holds for man. [Read.] While men are uncertain as to what will take place in the future, there is no uncertainty with God. At Revelation 21:3, 4, his Word says clearly concerning the future: [Read scripture.] Does that sound good to

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Showing Appreciation for the Pioneer Service

[1] Jesus encouraged his disciples to "beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37, 38) Some are showing appreciation for this need by doing more in the witness work. In the United States during the 1985 service year, an average of 38,489 reported as auxiliary pioneers each month. The peak month was April when 100,145 shared. Over 44,000 are now serving as regular pioneers. Each month, more continue to join the pioneer ranks and are experiencing the benefits and blessings that come with such increased activity.

[2] What are some of the blessings that come to those who can increase their share in the ministry so as to pioneer? Daily thinking and talking about God's Word is in itself an outstanding benefit. Increasing their time in field service to some 90 hours each month generally results in contacting more interested persons, placing more literature, making more return visits, and starting more home Bible studies. This means more spiritual giving, helping more people to learn the truth and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Sharing in the pioneer service also brings the blessing of increased happiness.—Acts 20:35.

ENCOURAGE PIONEERS

[3] Not everyone is able to pioneer, but all of us should show appreciation for the pioneer service and encourage and support those who have taken up this vital work. How can this be done? We can arrange to work with pioneers in the house-to-house ministry and offer to go with them on return visits. Pioneers often have no one to work

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 2

Song 71

12 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Demonstrate magazine presentation featuring the February 8 issue of *Awake!* Encourage all to share in magazine work on the second Saturday of February.

18 min: "Continue Offering *Watchtower* Subscriptions." Question-and-answer consideration with demonstration. When discussing paragraph 2, ask for expressions and/or experiences with regard to offering subscriptions to people who already know we are Jehovah's Witnesses. While discussing paragraph 3, ask why the Topic for Conversation is appropriate. Have experienced, well-prepared publisher demonstrate use of Topic for Conversation and subscription offer featuring the February 15 issue of *The Watchtower*. As time permits, ask audience why presentation should be effective. Encourage all to learn, rehearse, and use Topic for Conversation. Be positive in presenting the subscription offer. Be sure to carry subscription slips at all times. It may be that Jehovah's spirit will move householder to subscribe. When subscription is not taken or the householder is busy, the two magazines and a copy of the brochure *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* may be offered for a contribution of 70¢.

15 min: *Reasoning From the Scriptures*. Audience discussion of "Prophecy," pages 295-7.

(3 min.) Chairman: Define prophecy and give examples of Bible prophecies already fulfilled.

(12 min.) Audience discussion. What Bible prophecies are yet to be fulfilled? (Highlight Revelation 21:3, 4.) Why are Christians keenly interested in this prophecy as well as others? This section of the *Reasoning* book can be beneficial as we use the Topic for Conversation. Request all to bring *Reasoning* book with them to the Service Meeting next week. Encourage all to share in the house-to-house preaching work this weekend.

Song 187 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 9

Song 46

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Theocratic News.

20 min: "Showing Appreciation for the Pioneer Service." Question-and-answer coverage followed by five-minute interview of regular or auxiliary pioneers who have been helped by family members (or others) to share in the pioneer work. How have they been helped? What has been encouraging and strengthening to them? What have they done personally to strengthen their own determination to continue in the pioneer service and make a success of it with Jehovah's help? In conclusion, encourage all who can to serve as auxiliary pioneers in March (which has five weekends) and April.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Using the *Reasoning* Book." Questions and answers. Demonstrate suggestions in paragraphs 3 and 4. Choose those appropriate to your territory. These demonstrations should be brief and well prepared. After each demonstration, have audience comment on why material from book will be effective in local territory.

Song 34 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 16

Song 5

13 min: Local announcements. Ask audience which article they would feature in presenting the February 22 issue of *Awake!* and why. Then have effective publisher demonstrate 60-second house-to-house presentation featuring this issue of *Awake!* Ask audience why they believe presentation was effective. Encourage all to share in magazine work on the fourth Saturday of the month.

15 min: Local needs. Or talk based on article "How True Faith Can Help You" in October 15, 1985, issue of *The Watchtower*.

17 min: "Be Sure to Call Back." Questions and answers with local application. When discussing paragraphs 5 and 6, consider local situations and offer practical suggestions and encouragement.

Song 30 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 23

Song 196

15 min: Local announcements. Review plans for Memorial celebration. Comment on how interested ones can be encouraged to attend. Encourage brothers to start inviting interested ones now. Cover article "Help Others to Find True Peace and Security" by questions and answers. We will be offering the *True Peace* book in April.

15 min: *"School and Jehovah's Witnesses*—Are You Using It?" Talk based on article in October 1, 1985, issue of *The Watchtower*. Include expressions from parents and youths in local congregation who have had good success in using the brochure.

15 min: The Offer for March. Display to congregation the older 192-page books on hand in literature department. Encourage brothers to feature book(s) that congregation has in large supply for special 50¢ offer. Ask two or three pioneers or other experienced publishers how they will present book. Call on prepared publisher for brief demonstration. Place *Look!* booklet where no books can be placed. Studies can be started in that booklet. If out of stock, use another booklet. Encourage all to share in field service the first Sunday of March.

Song 32 and concluding prayer.

Watchtower Subscriptions *(Cont'd)*

you? . . . " Then offer the subscription, highlighting a specific point of interest in the current issue.

5 What if the householder is busy? You may be able to feature a particular article in the magazine by saying, "We have something brief for those who are busy." And then the first article of the February 15 issue of *The Watchtower* might be presented: "Many people today see the future of man as gloomy and without hope. Some have even linked the Biblical apocalypse, or Armageddon, to human extinction, thus stirring fear in the heart of their fellowman. However, the article 'Apocalypse—What Is It?' clearly defines what the Biblical apocalypse really is. I feel confident that you will be encouraged by reading *The Watchtower*. We are offering a year's subscription of 24 issues for a contribution of $4.00."

6 Before beginning field service each day, we pray to Jehovah for his direction. We can be confident that he will direct our steps. With Jehovah blessing our work, we should not hold back in offering the subscription at every opportunity. Remember, *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* present lifesaving information from God's Word. (Zeph. 2:2, 3) May we carry out Jehovah's work with zeal, looking to him to direct and bless us.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **February:** *Watchtower* subscription for a contribution of $4.00. Where subscription is not obtained, two magazines and a copy of the brochure *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* will be offered for a contribution of 70¢. **March:** Any of the older 192-page books listed in the January *Our Kingdom Ministry* for a contribution of 50¢ each. If you have *Look!* booklets, place them during March. **April and May:** *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $1.00.
- On Saturday, May 3, the Brooklyn Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours or to pick up literature on that day.
- Since the Memorial celebration falls on a Monday this year, most congregations may not need to make adjustments in their regular meeting schedule for the week. If it is considered necessary to cancel a meeting, it should be the Congregation Book Study, scheduling half of the material the week prior to the Memorial and half the week following the Memorial.
- The large-print edition of *The Watchtower* is now available in French. For directions on how to order, see Announcements in September 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*.
- New Publications Available:
  - *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached* —Greek
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Dutch, Japanese
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Afrikaans, Cebuano, Cibemba, Croatian, Hungarian, Sepedi, Solomon Islands Pidgin, Tagalog, Thai, Tsonga, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Job* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —English
  - *Acts of Apostles* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Dutch
  - *Exodus* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —French
  - *Leviticus* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  - *Numbers* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —French
  - *Exodus* (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —Japanese
  - *Psalms* (set of six; congregation and public: $9.00; pioneers: $7.50) —Japanese

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	301	129.0	88.6	53.2	5.8
Pios.	44,395	82.6	44.4	29.7	3.1
Aux. Pios.	37,254	58.4	31.8	17.5	1.5
Pubs.	616,278	9.5	7.0	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	698,228				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,857

Be Sure to Call Back

1 Last year 9,021,009 Bibles, books, and booklets were placed in the United States. Millions of copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* were distributed. This enormous distribution of literature brings the responsibility of calling back on interested people to help them become disciples.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

2 Commendably, this responsibility is being taken seriously. Last year we made a total of 47,204,243 return visits and conducted, on the average, 447,298 home Bible studies each month. Jehovah added his blessing, and 34,348 were baptized. How very happy we are to be involved in the fulfillment of Jehovah's promise to speed up the work. —Isa. 60:22.

3 Perhaps some are not making return visits regularly. Still others are not yet conducting a home Bible study. If you physically and circumstantially can, are you? If not, would you not really like to expand your ministry beyond the initial placing of literature from house to house? What can you do to reach out, making effective return visits and conducting Bible studies?

4 First of all, develop a positive attitude, trusting that Jehovah will bless your efforts. Most likely you learned the truth because someone cultivated the initial interest you showed and conducted a Bible study with you. It is only natural that appreciation for what you have received should be expressed in your endeavors to help someone else in a similar manner.—Rev. 22:17.

BE POSITIVE

5 Of course, there are problems to be overcome. It may require extra effort to arrange with others to make return visits in the evening when you are more likely to find people home. Strong religious prejudices may need to be broken down. You may find people who enjoy our literature but hesitate to study because of opposition or ridicule. If you live in a high-crime area, it may require extra caution. You may have to overcome the fear some people have of strangers. These challenges can be overcome. Others who have been successful can help you to face them skillfully.

6 Do not allow a reluctance to take on responsibility or a feeling of inadequacy hold you back from enjoying the return visit and Bible study work. Trust in Jehovah and pray for his spirit to help you. Keep a good house-to-house record of all literature placements and other interest that is shown. Call back soon. Learn to use the *Reasoning* book in answering Bible questions. Seek assistance from experienced publishers.

7 As you faithfully call back on interested persons and share in conducting Bible studies, your joy will abound. Perhaps some you help will be included among those counted as new disciples during the 1986 service year and will become your "letters of recommendation" in the ministry. —2 Cor. 3:1-3.

Help Others to Find True Peace and Security

1 All over the earth there are still many sincere people who are not yet servants of Jehovah but who are "sighing and groaning over all the detestable things that are being done" in Christendom. (Ezek. 9:4) They long for the time when true peace and security will replace today's terrible conditions. Such people need the comforting hope of the incoming New Order with its Paradise of complete peace and security.

2 For such honest-hearted ones, the book *True Peace and Security —How Can You Find It?* is being published. This is a revision of an earlier publication on the same theme. The book thoroughly answers questions about why there is no true peace and security now, how it will come, when we will know it is near, and what we should do about it individually. It alerts people to the significance of world events. It shows them whether or not they should place any confidence in man's efforts for peace. The *True Peace* book takes note of the declaration by the United Nations that the year 1986 begins special efforts by world leaders toward 'peace and security.' Referring to this declaration, the *True Peace* book says: "This, no doubt, is a step toward the fulfillment of Paul's . . . words. . . . Yet the prophecy shows that the time will come when the nations will declare that they have achieved a measure of 'peace and security.'" —1 Thess. 5:3.

3 Jehovah's organization has planned a special worldwide distribution of this fine publication in April and May. While there will be more information about it in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for March and April, we encourage all congregations to order their supplies now, if they have not already done so, in order to have them on hand for the distribution beginning in April.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Using the *Reasoning* Book

[1] Each one of us desires to 'handle the word of truth aright.' (2 Tim. 2:15) That Word is "the sword of the spirit," which in the hands of Jehovah's people can overturn strong, lofty reasonings. (Eph. 6:17; 2 Cor. 10:4, 5) In our efforts to help people, what a valuable tool we have in the *Reasoning* book!

[2] We have many opportunities to use the practical suggestions in the *Reasoning* book. Not only are there the fine introductions presented on pages 9-15, but on subsequent pages there are excellent suggestions to help us answer sincere questions and deal with potential conversation stoppers. Which of these have you found useful in continuing a conversation about the future?

[3] The current magazines on the apocalypse may prompt questions from the householder. If appropriate, you may be able to continue the conversation using points in the *Reasoning* book under such headings as "Armageddon," "Government," "Kingdom," or "Last Days." Or if someone says, "These things won't happen in my lifetime," turn to page 233, where it says: "But it is going to come in someone's lifetime, isn't it? . . . Would anyone be able to know that his generation was the one to see it? Jesus' own apostles wanted to know that, and the answer he gave them is very significant for us today." (Luke 21:29-32) Or you may wish to use the information on page 234 or page 242. Your brief, satisfying comments may pave the way for a return visit. What a storehouse of information is available to us!

[4] Some persons might express doubt that God is going to do anything to change matters. We could reason with them, using the points under "Wickedness" on pages 430 and 431. Then direct their attention to the article "Apocalypse—When?" in the February 15 *Watchtower* (which shows that survivors of the generation of 1914 will live to experience the foretold apocalypse) or the closing paragraphs of that article under the subheading "Apocalypse—Prelude to Paradise."

[5] Good experiences are being enjoyed by those who are using the *Reasoning* book. While doing street work, one brother engaged a passerby in conversation. The man asked questions, some in an argumentative way. After answering a number of the man's questions, the brother decided to make use of the *Reasoning* book. He simply read from the appropriate section, offering an occasional "That's interesting, isn't it?" The man's attitude changed immediately. Seeing the facts *in print* made the difference. Before leaving, he even asked where our meetings are being held. All of this took place on a busy street.

[6] Our use of the *Reasoning* book may bring similar good results. Acquaint yourself with its contents. Use it in the field. Endeavor to be 'ready to make a defense before everyone that demands a reason for your hope.'—1 Pet. 3:15.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Austria passed the 16,000 mark in September with an all-time peak of 16,005 publishers.**
- **France began the new service year on a fine note with new peaks of 2,101 regular pioneers and 88,062 total publishers.**
- **With a peak of 4,048 publishers, Haiti reports that 7,874 attended the circuit assemblies, and 94 were baptized.**
- **Iceland saw a 15-percent increase in September with an all-time peak of 173 publishers.**
- **In Japan during July, August, and September, 325 congregations and 93 family groups covered 405 towns and villages in unassigned territory. The total population in these places is 2,310,000, making up 69 percent of all the unassigned territory in Japan. A tremendous witness was thus given.**
- **A 10-percent increase is reported for Malta in September with a new peak of 303 publishers. The district convention was held during the month, with a peak attendance of 516.**
- **Nigeria reported a new peak of 121,879 publishers for September. Regular pioneers totaled 4,928, an increase of 1,364 over the same month last year.**
- **The Philippines started the new service year with a peak of 85,668 publishers for September.**
- **Venezuela reached new peaks of 1,905 regular pioneers and 29,706 publishers in September. A total of 46,744 Bible studies were conducted. Congregation publishers averaged 14.3 hours in the field.**

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

February 2:	Pages 83, par. 13 to 90, par. 8
February 9:	Pages 91, par. 9 to 94, par. 15
February 16:	Pages 95, par. 1 to 98, par. 8
February 23:	Pages 98, par. 9 to 102, par. 14

Pioneer Service (*Cont'd*)

with in the afternoons. Can you fit afternoon witnessing into your schedule so as to work with the pioneers?

[4] Encouragement and moral support are important. One traveling overseer reported that not all have been encouraging in their comments to pioneers. We should highly value the importance of pioneering and show appreciation for the effort put forth by those who are able to adjust their affairs to have a share in it. All of us should continue to strengthen our own love for the field ministry and the pioneer service.

[5] Those already in the pioneer service can continue to show they truly prize their privilege by 'exerting themselves vigorously' in Jehovah's work. (Luke 13:24) There is the hour requirement to meet. Sacrifices of a personal nature must often be made in order to continue in the work. (Heb. 13:15) There is a need to keep up with the spiritual food supplied by the faithful and discreet slave so as to stay spiritually strong. All of this requires considerable effort and good planning, as successful pioneers can testify.

[6] The apostle Paul stated: "All creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain." Today, this groaning is reaching a climax. (Rom. 8:22; 2 Tim. 3:1) But some of these people are eager to hear the Kingdom message. Out of concern for their welfare, and in view of the lateness of the time, all of Jehovah's people who can make room for it should give serious thought to entering the pioneer service. Can you do that? March has five full weekends, allowing greater opportunity to meet the requirement of auxiliary pioneer hours. If you can arrange to auxiliary pioneer in March and April, it will give you a good taste of what pioneering is really like, and you will experience Jehovah's increased blessing upon your endeavors.—Ps. 34:8.

[7] When we put Kingdom interests first and, to the best of our ability, have a regular and full share in the field ministry, we are showing our appreciation for Jehovah's work, including the pioneer service.

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 3-9

Offering older publications

1. Suggest appropriate talking points.
2. Why offer older books to those who have shown interest?

MARCH 10-16

Inviting others to Memorial

1. Whom should we invite?
2. What can we say?
3. How can we follow through after the Memorial?

MARCH 17-23

How can you make your time count

1. In house-to-house witnessing?
2. When making return visits?
3. In street witnessing?

MARCH 24-30

For thorough territory coverage (Review March "Presenting the Good News")

1. What do you do with not-at-homes?
2. How do you care for interested people?
3. Discuss points that apply locally.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

What Does the Future Hold for You?
Rev. 1:1—God reveals what will shortly take place.
Rev. 21:3, 4—You can have a happy future promised by God.

Sharing Fully in March and April Activities

[1] The apostle Paul exhorted the Corinthian congregation to be steadfast and always to have "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58) That counsel also applies to Christians living in this 20th century. In the spirit of Paul's words, let us consider how we can share in the many theocratic activities arranged for March and April.

THE SPECIAL TALK

[2] During the week of March 9, congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses around the earth will assemble to hear the special public talk entitled "The World's Insecurity—Is There a Solution?" A question on the minds of many people today is, How can true peace and security come to this earth? Since many view as hopeless the world situation with its violence, terrorism, and war, the information that will be presented is most enlightening. So make a special effort to invite all interested persons to hear this timely talk.

THE MEMORIAL

[3] After sundown on Monday, March 24, anointed Christians around the earth, along with their faithful companions, the other sheep, will commemorate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, remembering all that his death means in the lives of those serving the Grand Creator, Jehovah God. The worldwide Memorial attendance in 1985 was 7,792,109, and this year we expect to have many more honest-hearted ones associating with us on this most important occasion. Use your supply of printed invitations and put forth every effort to continue helping the many new ones who attend. Perhaps a study can be started with some. All can be encouraged to associate with Jehovah's people on a regular basis.

PIONEER ACTIVITY

[4] Year by year, March and April have proved to be excellent months in which to share in the auxiliary pioneer service. During March of 1985, over 45,300 enrolled. In April that figure rose to 100,145, the largest number ever in the auxiliary pioneer service in any one month in

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True Peace and Security

[1] Last summer at our "Integrity Keepers" Convention, it was announced that the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* would be used in the field campaign for April and May. In this way a mighty shout of praise would go up earth wide to Jehovah, "the God who gives peace," and to his Son, the "Prince of Peace."—Rom. 15:33; Isa. 9:6.

[2] How appropriate that we will have this publication to offer during the United Nations-proclaimed "International Year of Peace"! The subject of peace and security is on the minds of many people. Some expect the United Nations to bring it about. But Jehovah's servants know that God's Kingdom in the hands of Christ Jesus is the instrument Jehovah will use to bring in true peace and security.

[3] Do not overlook the word of caution included in the convention announcement. We are not suggesting that the UN proclamation for 1986 is in fulfillment of 1 Thessalonians 5:3, which states: "Whenever it is that they are saying: 'Peace and security!' then sudden destruction is to be instantly upon them." We do not know how long Jehovah will permit the nations to campaign for peace and security; however, this may be a significant step leading to further developments as we draw closer to the "great tribulation."—Matt. 24:21.

PREPARE TO OFFER THE BOOK

[4] Before the April campaign, we should read portions of the *True Peace* book to acquaint ourselves with its overall content. If we read the material in the first two chapters, we will no doubt find several excellent points to use as we offer the book in April and May.

[5] After discussing the Topic for Conversation with a householder, we might say: "This happy future is very near when there will be true peace and security. I have with me a timely publication on that subject. Notice this comment in the first paragraph of the book." We can read paragraph 1 and then continue by saying: "The illustration here at the start of chapter 1 gives an artist's conception of what the earthly Paradise will be like. Wouldn't you like to live with your loved ones in such a peaceful and secure environment? [Allow for response.] This publica-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 2

Song 128

12 min: Local announcements. Call attention to information in article "Increase Magazine Distribution During April and May." Invite publishers and pioneers to increase personal orders for these four issues of *The Watchtower*. Encourage all to share in magazine work the second Saturday of the month.

20 min: "Sharing Fully in March and April Activities." Discussion of article with some audience participation. In discussing paragraph 3, inform congregation of last year's local Memorial attendance. In conjunction with paragraph 4, inform congregation about the number who shared locally in auxiliary pioneer work in March and April of 1985 and encourage all who can to enroll as pioneers this year. In considering paragraph 5, tell brothers what older publications are on hand locally to feature in the field in March.

13 min: Making Good Use of the Topic for Conversation. Have brief demonstrations of effective use of current topic, showing how it can be tied in with the March literature offer. Encourage all to bring *Reasoning* book with them to next Service Meeting.

Song 181 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 9

Song 65

8 min: Local announcements, accounts report, and Theocratic News.

12 min: "The Congregation Book Study." Question-and-answer coverage, handled preferably by an elder who is a study conductor. Develop points needing attention locally.

25 min: Using *Reasoning From the Scriptures* on Return Visits. Talk and demonstrations. Paul compared our work to farmer who not only plants but also waters, then waits for God to 'make it grow.' Paul planted by bringing the good news; Apollos nourished and cultivated the field by further teaching. Apollos powerfully used the Scriptures to 'water,' and so do we by taking further Scriptural information to interested ones. —1 Cor. 3:5-7; Acts 18:27, 28.

Young brother in audience raises hand, is glad he can now use Topic for Conversation in field but has not yet made return visits; unsure, not experienced in using Bible. What if householder has questions he cannot answer? Chairman invites brother to stage. Explains that Jehovah understands our needs and has provided assistance through organization. Shows how *Reasoning* book covers variety of subjects and questions. Explains how to locate information by use of index as well as list in front of book. Chairman briefly takes part of householder who expresses belief that when Jesus Christ returns, all will see him visibly. (Rev. 1:7) Chairman then helps locate information on pages 342 and 343. Young brother uses information from book, reasons with householder, and expresses satisfaction at being able to give answer, has more confidence now.

Chairman continues talk. Many people simply take literature without asking questions or showing particular interest. In many cases we can lay groundwork for return by raising a question. Demonstration: After offer is accepted, publisher refers back to topic and asks: "How can we know for sure that these conditions promised by God will come in our lifetime? I would like to stop by in a few days and point out the answer that Jesus gave to that question." Householder readily agrees. Chairman asks publisher what is planned for return visit. Publisher refers to material under "Last Days" in *Reasoning* book and some points that will be used to build on what was previously discussed. Following these suggestions in the field may lead to a Bible study.

Conclude by pointing out that a return visit need not be a lengthy discussion, may use just two or three Scriptural points. May take several visits before householder's spiritual appetite is awakened sufficiently for Bible study. (Matt. 5:3) *Reasoning* book can assist because it contains many points that people often wonder about and uses the Scriptures to answer. Encourage all to schedule time for return visits. Trust in Jehovah to draw honest-hearted ones to the truth.—Acts 16:14.

Song 156 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 16

Song 197

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Emphasize Memorial week Bible reading. Outline local arrangements for the Memorial and encourage use of any invitations not yet distributed. Encourage all to share in magazine activity fourth Saturday of month.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News —By Thorough Territory Coverage." Questions and answers. Highlight points that apply to local territory. Include one or two good local experiences on working not-at-homes.

20 min: "True Peace and Security." Five-minute talk on paragraphs 1-4. Have four short demonstrations using points in paragraphs 5-8. For paragraphs 5 and 6, take up demonstrations after Revelation 21:3, 4 has been read. Review demonstrations with audience as time permits and conclude with points in paragraph 9.

Song 97 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 23

Song 84

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: Local needs. May review appropriate counsel and suggestions received during last visit of circuit overseer or build up anticipation for next visit, if scheduled soon. Or talk based on article in January 1, 1986, *Watchtower,* "Jehovah—Simply Grand!" Involve audience in discussion.

15 min: *1986 Yearbook*. Elder conducts discussion with three or four exemplary publishers who review some interesting field experiences. Select from the following: See *yb*86, p. 16, par. 1; p. 18, pars. 4, 5; p. 21, pars. 1, 3; p. 22, par. 3; p. 29, par. 2; p. 33, par. 2; p. 44, par. 2. (May use other experiences too.) Encourage all to read entire *1986 Yearbook* for great spiritual benefit.

10 min: Special Activity in April. Stirring talk by service overseer. Outline arrangements for field service. Remind congregation of how many are auxiliary pioneering in April and that it is not too late to turn in an application. Include comments from audience on how they are enjoying *True Peace* book and why they feel it will be beneficial for the territory.

Song 16 and concluding prayer.

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Announcements

● Literature offer for **March**: One of the older 192-page books for 50¢. See January *Our Kingdom Ministry* for list of books to be used and for details as to getting credit on congregation literature account. **April and May**: *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for $1.00. **June and July**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for contribution of $2.50. Reduced-size books are $1.25.

● Some of the older publications we are offering in the field during March are no longer being printed. Therefore, any needing copies of these publications for their personal library should get them before supplies are depleted. Publishers should also be alert to offer these publications at libraries, rest homes, orphanages, reform schools, and similar institutions.

● Suggested Bible reading schedule for Memorial week:

Wednesday, March 19 (Nisan 9)
    John 12:12-19; Mark 11:1-11
Thursday, March 20 (Nisan 10)
    John 12:20-50
Friday, March 21 (Nisan 11)
    Luke 21:1-36
Saturday, March 22 (Nisan 12)
    Mark 14:1-11
Sunday, March 23 (Nisan 13)
    Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13
Monday, March 24 (Nisan 14)
    John 19:1-42

● At the Memorial celebration, there is no need to play music during the passing of the emblems. Speakers and those making arrangements should follow the directions in the Memorial talk outline and not endeavor to be innovative or introduce personal ideas.

● The presiding overseer or someone assigned by him should audit the congregation's accounts on March 1, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Increase Magazine Distribution During April and May

[1] Plan now for increased distribution of magazines during April and May. Four consecutive issues of *The Watchtower* will feature cover subjects highlighting the Bible as a book of promises that do not fail and as a source of practical counsel for our guidance in a turbulent world.

[2] The April 1 cover will feature "The Bible—God's Word or Man's?" April 15 follows with "The Bible—A Book for All Mankind." The cover feature for May 1 will be "The Bible—Practical for Modern Man?" and "The Bible and Your Future" will be featured on the cover of *The Watchtower* for May 15.

[3] Since many will be enrolled as auxiliary pioneers during these two months and everyone is being encouraged to give these magazines wide distribution, now is the time to order extra distributors' copies. Additional copies of *Awake!* should also be ordered according to the congregation's needs.

The Congregation Book Study

[1] The Congregation Book Study fills a vital need in our spiritual progress. We should all hold it in high esteem. If some regularly miss this meeting, could it be that they regard it as less important than the other meetings? All can benefit from taking a fresh look at the Congregation Book Study arrangement.

THE CONDUCTOR'S ROLE

[2] The conductor should be a serious *student* of God's Word. He is usually one of the shepherds, or elders. To be effective, he must prepare well and analyze how the material can contribute to the spiritual growth of those in attendance. He should carefully listen to the comments and take an interest in the individual progress of those under his care. At the same time, he needs to be kind and considerate, encouraging all to participate and yet not embarrassing anyone.

[3] A good teacher will make sure that the *main ideas* are highlighted. The conductor will be alert to recognize inaccurate comments and will tactfully see that the correct thought is expressed. He should be selective in assigning a brother as reader each week and when calling on individuals to read *key* scriptures.—Titus 1:9; Phil. 1:9.

THOSE ATTENDING

[4] Advance preparation on the part of all in attendance is important. There may not be enough time during the study to read all the cited scriptures. But if you look them up ahead of time, you may be able to comment on them. You can also practice pronouncing difficult words or names in cited scriptures. We are all encouraged to give comments and to strive to do so in our own words. This will help us to express ourselves better when sharing Bible truths in the ministry.

[5] An atmosphere conducive to learning should be maintained at the Congregation Book Study. Thus, parents should endeavor to control youngsters so they do not disrupt the meeting. It is appreciated when brothers open their home for the study and endeavor to maintain a meeting place that is clean, well lighted, and properly ventilated. By being truly hospitable, they make others feel welcome. (Prov. 3:9) Of course, those attending the study should respect the home and show appreciation by not abusing the facilities or taking undue liberties. As with all other congregational meetings, our dress, grooming, and decorum should bespeak the dignity associated with our worship of Jehovah.—See page 63 in *Our Ministry* book.

[6] The Congregation Book Study also provides valuable training for the field ministry. We can be conscious of field points expressed during the study. Making comments can help us to overcome timidity and become better acquainted with the Scriptures. A positive view of the Congregation Book Study arrangement will indeed increase our appreciation for the way Jehovah cares for his flock.

Sharing Fully *(Cont'd)*

the United States. A few necessary adjustments in your schedule may allow you to enjoy this field of activity along with others in your congregation. Each week the congregation should be informed of how many have been approved to serve as auxiliary pioneers. This may encourage others to enroll. No doubt many elders and ministerial servants, along with some of their family members, will be able to share in this feature of the service, thereby setting a fine example for others.

THE LITERATURE OFFER

[5] During March, efforts will be made to distribute certain older books that the congregation may have on hand. These will be offered at the reduced contribution of 50¢ each. (See announcement in January *Our Kingdom Ministry* for details.) This campaign gives congregations the opportunity to get the older books into the hands of people who will benefit from reading them.

[6] In April we will be offering the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* The contribution for this publication will be $1.00. With 1986 having been designated by the United Nations as the "International Year of Peace," the message found in the *True Peace* book is very timely, since it focuses attention on the real means for bringing peace.

[7] As you can readily see, March and April offer us "plenty to do in the work of the Lord." Bearing in mind the yeartext for 1986, "Go . . . , declare abroad the kingdom of God," all of us have our assignment of work to perform in declaring abroad God's Kingdom in the hands of Christ Jesus, the genuine hope for true peace and security.—Luke 9:60.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Thorough Territory Coverage

[1] As the number of Jehovah's Witnesses continues to grow, we find that we are working our territory more and more often. In some areas, territories are being worked as frequently as once a week. This gives people more opportunities to hear and respond to the truth as we preach the good news of the Kingdom.—Rom. 10:13-15.

[2] Consider the island of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean. There is a ratio of one publisher to every 81 persons on that island. Obviously, they are covering their territory often, and they are getting results. They ended the last service year with a new peak of 4,064 publishers, and a total of 5,092 studies were conducted. For the past service year, they had a 14-percent increase.

REALLY COVER THE TERRITORY

[3] While we may work the territory often, what can we do to ensure *thorough* territory coverage? For one thing, we can keep an accurate record of not-at-homes. If possible, try calling on these later the same day, as some people may be out for just a short time. As for others that we do not find at home on that day, endeavor to contact them on a different day and perhaps at a different time of day. Some have found that by making not-at-home calls, it takes about twice as long to work the territory. This means they are not calling so frequently on the same individuals. Nevertheless, they are doing a more thorough job of covering the territory.

[4] If we are not able to make such calls soon, we should give the list to someone who can, maybe an individual who takes the group out on a different day. Thus, those who are not at home on weekends could perhaps be called on during the week.

[5] Some houses that were formerly single-family homes have been converted into multiple dwellings, and we should endeavor to contact someone from each family. In some localities, separate homes are located behind houses fronting the streets, and we must be sure to call on those too. Thorough territory coverage would include contacting people who work in business establishments that may be in the territory.

[6] Another aspect of thoroughly covering our territory is to follow up interest diligently. Where brothers have limited territory, they are more inclined to do this. They call back on everyone who shows interest, with a view to starting Bible studies. Do we also keep in mind such objectives?

COVERING UNASSIGNED TERRITORY

[7] The Society sent to all congregations in the United States a letter dated January 1, 1986, explaining the matter of unassigned territory. If you are interested in working some of that territory and you have not already written to the Society, discuss this with the elders right away. While much of the unassigned territory is worked each summer by individual publishers or by congregations who make special arrangements, there are some areas that have not been covered for several years. How fine it would be if all unassigned territory in the United States could be worked this summer!

[8] As we cover our territory repeatedly and strive to do so thoroughly, some householders may complain or ask why we call so often. By using one of the suggestions on page 15 of the *Reasoning* book, we may arouse their interest; otherwise, they might be disturbed by our frequent calls.

[9] Thoroughly covering our territory with the good news will result in salvation to some who listen to us. (1 Tim. 4:16) In time, we will rejoice in saying, in the words of the apostle Paul, that we "no longer have untouched territory in these regions." —Rom. 15:23.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

March 2: Pages 103, par. 1 to 105, par. 5
March 9: Pages 106, par. 6 to 110, par. 3
March 16: Pages 111, par. 4 to 116, par. 14
March 23: Pages 117, par. 1 to 119, par. 6

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	295	129.4	86.2	53.3	5.6
Pios.	44,075	81.2	42.0	29.6	3.1
Aux. Pios.	29,590	58.4	29.2	17.6	1.6
Pubs.	627,112	9.2	6.6	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	701,072				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,763

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **The following countries all reported 10-percent increases and new peaks in October: Guadeloupe (4,219), Martinique (1,913), and Curaçao (1,243). Publishers in Curaçao averaged 13.3 hours.**

◆ **Puerto Rico had new peaks of 20,702 publishers and 17,180 studies in October. A new peak of 896 regular pioneers was also reached.**

◆ **Taiwan had a new peak of auxiliary pioneers in October. They averaged placements of 135.6 magazines, and congregation publishers averaged 20.2.**

◆ **Zimbabwe's publisher figure of 14,811 in October represents a third consecutive peak. The figure of 580 regular pioneers is 22 percent over last year's average and 18 percent over last year's peak.**

Peace and Security *(Cont'd)*

tion will help you to see how you can find such peace and security, and it is yours for a contribution of just $1.00."

[6] As another presentation, after reading Revelation 21:3, 4, we could turn to page 19 and say: "There is an interesting paragraph that drives home how much we need that happy future promised by God." After reading paragraph 24, we could continue by saying: "Note also the thought on the next page in paragraph 28. [Read the paragraph.] This book has been published to help you to learn about God's solution to world problems and to understand better what the future holds. It is yours for a contribution of $1.00."

[7] Be sure to call back on people who have previously shown interest and offer this book to them. We might find it appropriate to remind the householder of previous conversations about God's promised New Order and then say that we have a book that outlines what we have to do to find true peace and security. We could turn to page 91, read paragraph 12, and then say: "What else is required to assure survival? This book goes into detail as to God's requirements from this point on. It is offered for a contribution of $1.00."

[8] This would also be a fine publication to place with individuals who have studied in the past but who have not yet taken a stand for Jehovah. We could read paragraph 1 on page 175 and then point out that the book will help them to understand what they must do now to make the right choice, so as to find true peace and security.

[9] Let us make plans now to offer *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* during the special campaign in April and May. We will be helping others to find true peace and security from "the God who gives peace."—Rom. 16:20.

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 31–APRIL 6

To help Memorial attenders, are there

1. Any you can call on today?
2. Points from Memorial or special talk you can use?

APRIL 7-13

In offering *True Peace* book, how will you

1. Introduce the book?
2. Make use of illustrations?
3. Pave the way for a return visit?

APRIL 14-20

In your introductions, should you

1. Always say you are a Witness?
2. Try to put the householder at ease? How?

APRIL 21-27

In making offer, how might you

1. Use message from the publishers on page 2?
2. Describe personal enjoyment of book?
3. Use table of contents?

APRIL 28–MAY 4

As your companion talks in the door-to-door work, why

1. Listen attentively?
2. Look up scriptures?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Where Can You Find True Peace?

Ps. 146:3—Men cannot bring lasting peace.

Ps. 119:165—Jehovah is the source of true peace.

"Be Aglow With the Spirit"

[1] Having something good to share with others contributes to spirited activity. Therefore, we have good reason to be enthusiastic during April when offering the beautifully illustrated, updated book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* World conditions make peace and security a most timely subject. Thousands of years of human failure have moved many to face the fact that man does not have the answers to his most pressing needs. But we know that God's Kingdom is the answer. Our being able to point this out by use of God's Word and our having this fine publication to offer should help us to "be aglow with the spirit" in our service during April.—Rom. 12:11.

[2] But placing the *True Peace* book is just a first step toward realizing our objective of helping truth seekers to take their stand on the side of God's Kingdom. We need to return promptly and help interested ones to get a fuller understanding of what we initially shared with them. Otherwise, there is the danger that the wicked one will interfere and snatch away what has been sown in their heart.—Matt. 13:19.

FOLLOW UP MEMORIAL ACTIVITY

[3] We should also give further attention to those who attended the Memorial. Each year the Memorial attendance in the United States and worldwide is more than double the average number of publishers. What potential for more disciples! So, rather than allow the activity accompanying the Memorial celebration to wane, we should keep helping those who attended to make further spiritual progress. Are Bible studies being conducted with all whom you personally invited? If someone studied in the past, could a frank Scriptural discussion at this point open up the way for resuming a fruitful Bible study? What can you do to help these people while there is time?

USE THE SUMMER TO GOOD ADVANTAGE

[4] A spirit of zeal moved over 100,000 in this country to serve as auxiliary pioneers last April. This surpassed all previous records for any one month. Have you made plans to join the pioneer ranks this April? Some who do may be able to continue pioneering right through the sum-

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"Work What Is Good Toward All"

[1] We rejoice to see so many new ones flocking into the congregation. (Isa. 60:8) One thing that attracts them to the truth is the love that is evident among Jehovah's people. (John 13:34, 35) Were not many of us deeply impressed by the warmth and friendliness we experienced the very first time we entered the Kingdom Hall? Having personally experienced God's love that flows through Jesus Christ and the Christian congregation, we are moved to "work what is good toward all" by assisting and encouraging others. —Gal. 6:10. 2 pts

HELP OTHERS PROGRESS

[2] When we see someone at the meeting for the first time, do we endeavor to get acquainted? We should not feel that only the elders and ministerial servants have this responsibility. It is our personal obligation as well. (Rom. 15:7; compare Galatians 5:14 and James 2:8.) When many in the congregation welcome the new ones, they are impressed with the true Christian love demonstrated. God's Word speaks very highly of showing love toward strangers. (See Matthew 25:35b and 1 Timothy 5:10.) Such warmth and friendliness encourage a steady influx of sheeplike ones into the congregation.—See Isaiah 60:5, 11.

[3] Last month, many new ones attended the Memorial celebration, and these need help in order to make spiritual progress. If you know someone who attended the Memorial but who is not presently studying, why not try to start a study? Encourage him to attend the meetings and offer to accompany him to the Kingdom Hall. Encourage him to do personal study, and as he grows in knowledge and appreciation, help him to prepare to comment at meetings. Your patient, loving interest may lead to his gaining Jehovah's blessing and everlasting life. —Rom. 15:1, 2. Please others not

[4] Young ones associated with the congregation are also "related to us in the faith" and need our help and encouragement. (Gal. 6:10) Even small children delight in attention from adults. Children who do not have parents in the truth especially need our encouragement. Youths who are orphans in a spiritual sense deserve our loving consideration and attention.—Jas. 1:27.

ENCOURAGE PIONEERING

[5] We all appreciate the personal interest that others take in us. Those who are working hard in the ministry, including regular and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 30

Song 142

10 min: Local announcements. Remind all of field service arrangements for the first Sunday of the month. Any desiring to auxiliary pioneer during April can still do so. Have publisher briefly demonstrate use of *Reasoning* book, pp. 179-80, to answer question "Why don't you observe Easter?" Request all to bring the December 15, 1985, *Watchtower* next week.

20 min: "Be Aglow With the Spirit." Questions and answers. On paragraph 3, present brief demonstration showing how a return visit for the purpose of rekindling interest can be made on a Memorial attender who studied previously. In conclusion, encourage all to make summer a *spiritually* refreshing time, not just a period of recreation and diversion. Announce how many have already signed up as auxiliary pioneers for April.

15 min: Topic for Conversation. Discuss and demonstrate topic, using current offer. May wish to read excerpts from *True Peace* book, page 8, paragraphs 11 and 12, to show superiority of peace and security God will bring in comparison to what men are seeking to do. Conclude demonstration with arrangements being made for return visit. May also demonstrate a publisher tying Psalm 119: 165 in with articles on Bible found in April 1 issue of *The Watchtower*. Mention that April 15, May 1, and May 15 issues also have articles that can be tied in with the last scripture in Topic for Conversation. In this way, magazines can be presented when book offer is not accepted.

Song 162 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 6

Song 122

10 min: Local announcements, Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry,* and accounts report. Ask brothers to bring April 15 magazine next week.

15 min: "Self-Control Vital for Christians." Talk with audience participation, based on article in the December 15, 1985, *Watchtower*. Make practical local application.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Through Effective Street Witnessing." Questions and answers. After discussing material, demonstrate suggestions in paragraphs 3 through 5. Ask audience for additional suggestions that are effective in your territory. Encourage support of magazine activity this Saturday.

Song 107 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 13

Song 101 1:4,2,5 4:25

12 min: Local announcements. Briefly demonstrate magazine presentations, using the April 15 issue. As time permits, ask audience for further suggestions on talking points.

18 min: "Work What Is Good Toward All." Question-and-answer discussion. Read and discuss scriptures as time permits. Encourage all to welcome new ones.

15 min: Interview a few regular and auxiliary pioneers, inquiring as to what made them want to pioneer, how they arranged to pioneer, and what obstacles or problems they overcame. Prepare in advance so comments will be practical, helpful, and encouraging to others who are progressing toward pioneering.

Song 116 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 20

Song 9

10 min: Local announcements. Also, "Make Good Use of Older Tracts." Let congregation know which tracts are on hand. Publishers may have supplies of tracts at home that should be put into service bag for use in field. Only those still presentable should be used. Encourage all to share in magazine work on fourth Saturday of month.

20 min: What Do You Treasure? A talk with some audience participation, stressing keeping spiritual goals to the fore and maintaining confidence in Jehovah's power to provide. Important to answer this properly since heart is centered on what we value most highly in life. (Matt. 6:21) Guarding heart, seat of motivation, and channeling its desire in right direction bear on our everlasting life. (Prov. 4:23) Taking a wrong view of material things, whether rich or poor, can lead to misplaced trust or becoming overly concerned about lack of material advantages. (Prov. 10:15; 18:11; Luke 12:15) Most valuable possession is a good relationship with Jehovah. (Ps. 63:3, 4; 73:27, 28) Material things will be of no value on day of judgment. (Prov. 11:4) Important to maintain proper balance now while pursuing spiritual goals. (Prov. 30: 8, 9) Christians should be encouraging spiritual goals, such as auxiliary and regular pioneer service, Bethel and missionary service, or increasing and refining sacrifice of praise to Jehovah. No need for parents to fear they are jeopardizing future of young ones if they set spiritual goals before them. (Ps. 37:25) When important decisions in life must be made, do we prove that our affections are centered on Jehovah and Kingdom interests or on other things? (May get expressions from some in congregation who have set fine example in this regard.) Keep affections fixed on what is everlasting.—Ps. 91:14-16; 2 Cor. 4:18.

15 min: Help Young Ones Share in Giving a Witness. Interview and demonstrations. Parents have primary responsibility to teach young ones from infancy. (2 Tim. 3:15) All can be conscious of assisting those of tender years when working in service with them. Young ones like to be involved when at doors instead of standing idle. Ask a parent or two with young ones how they involve their children in witnessing at the doors. If old enough, do they have service bag with Bible and literature? How do you introduce young ones and permit them to share in reading scripture or making offer? Briefly demonstrate how a young one can offer householder free tract when offer from older publisher is refused. Also, briefly demonstrate how parent or older publisher may introduce conversation and then allow young one to read scripture. Encourage all to be conscious of assisting young ones to share in giving witness at doors.—See Matthew 21:16.

Song 210 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 27

Song 108

8 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Encourage all to share in service first Sunday in May.

22 min: "Use the *Reasoning* Book in All Features of Your Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion handled by service overseer or other qualified elder. As time permits, show how introductions beginning on page 11 of *Reasoning* book under heading "Future/Security" and on page 14 under heading "War/Peace" can be used in offering *True Peace* book.

15 min: Arrange locally, or have talk on article "Young People Ask . . . 'Can't We Just Be Friends?'" (March 22, 1986, *Awake!,* p. 17)

Song 209 and concluding prayer.

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- Since many Service Meeting parts now feature or refer to *Reasoning From the Scriptures,* it is suggested that all include the *Reasoning* book with their regular meeting equipment.
- Service overseer should check to see that there is always an ample supply of House-to-House Record forms, Field Service Report slips, subscription slips, and so forth. If additional supplies are needed, please request these on the Literature Order form (S-14).
- Distributors' copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* may be released to the publishers for use in the field as soon as they are received, in issue date order. They should not be held for release at a later date. See *Cost List,* paragraph 49.
- District convention badge cards for 1986 in English and Spanish will be consigned and included with April literature shipments. It will not be necessary to order these. Based on the size of each congregation, consignments in lots of 25 will be made and the literature account will be billed at the rate of two cents per card.
- There will be a district convention in Anchorage, Alaska, July 10-13, 1986. It will be held at the Sullivan Arena.
- A limited number of 1984 English-language *Watchtower* and *Awake!* volumes are still available at $5.00 each. Also, the *1985 Yearbook* in English is still in stock and may be ordered at $1.00 each.
- New Publications Available:

  "Let Your Kingdom Come" —Hindi

  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? —Afrikaans, Swedish

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Use the *Reasoning* Book in All Features of Your Ministry

[1] Have you been using the *Reasoning* book in your ministry? Undoubtedly you have already considered various portions of it and have found it very helpful. Of course, it would be beneficial to read it through and become familiar with all the excellent information it contains. A pioneer brother reports that he and his wife have been studying a portion of it every day.

[2] However, it is not necessary to have read the book completely in order to make use of it in the house-to-house work or when making return visits and conducting Bible studies.

HANDLING OBJECTIONS

[3] Likely there are certain objections you encounter regularly as you go from house to house. These may hinder you in your efforts to capture the householders' interest. They may say: "I'm not interested," "I'm busy," or "I have my own religion." When such conversation stoppers become an obstacle, by all means take a moment between doors to fix in your mind one or more of the suggestions on pages 15-24 of the *Reasoning* book.

[4] Your knowledge of the people in the territory will enable you to select a reply that will help you to continue your conversation. Try to use the wording just as it appears in the *Reasoning* book. It has been very well thought out and used successfully by experienced brothers. In time, you will be able to give excellent answers to a variety of conversation stoppers.

RETURN VISITS AND BIBLE STUDIES

[5] On your initial visit, you may be able to determine that the householder is particularly interested in a certain subject. In preparation for the return visit, look for this subject in the index of the *Reasoning* book. If the matter is considered, you will find either a suggestion that provides a direct yet balanced approach or additional Scriptural information that will benefit the individual.

[6] If a question arises on a Bible study and you determine that it would be best to answer it before you leave, check either the index in the back of the *Reasoning* book or the list of principal subjects in the front. For example, someone may have told the interested person that Jehovah's Witnesses are a sect or a cult. The information you need is given on page 202. It is easily located by looking for "Jehovah's Witnesses" under "Principal Subjects." The specific information is even more readily found by looking up "Cult" or "Sects" in the index. Feel free to read the answer just as it appears in the book and discuss it further with the Bible student. Do not be concerned that the student observes you looking for additional information in this way.

[7] Expressing her gratitude for the *Reasoning* book, one sister wrote: "Your tactful yet bold approach to various subjects that are often difficult to mention is a genuine blessing to us." As we familiarize ourselves with this fine instrument and use it in the field, we will be more successful in reaching the hearts of those in our territory.

Be Aglow (*Cont'd*)

mer months or even take up the regular pioneer service.

[5] Summer also affords opportunities to preach in areas that are seldom worked. During the 1985 service year, publishers, pioneers, and congregational groups aglow with the spirit worked all but 15 of 287 unassigned territories. One family of six felt greatly blessed because they shared in this special activity. They experienced greater unity as a family and became better equipped to handle God's Word effectively.

[6] Can you include working unassigned territory in your plans for this summer? If you are interested but do not know how to arrange for territory, the congregation secretary will be pleased to review with you the directions given to English-language congregations in the Society's letter of January 1, 1986.

[7] Another avenue for increased Kingdom activity is evening witnessing. During early evening hours, householders appear to be relaxed and more disposed to listen. No doubt many publishers will want to use the longer periods of daylight to reach people who are not normally found at home earlier in the day.

"DO NOT LOITER"

[8] This is not the time to loiter at our business but, rather, to "be aglow with the spirit." May we all prove ourselves industrious and willing workers. (Heb. 6:11, 12) Thoughtful planning now can make this summer a spiritually memorable one. Our being "aglow with the spirit" will produce positive results inside and outside the congregation.

Work (*Cont'd*)

auxiliary pioneers, benefit greatly when we offer expressions of appreciation for their fine example and personal sacrifices.

[6] When elders and ministerial servants can arrange their affairs to auxiliary pioneer from time to time or even get into the regular pioneer work, benefits extend to the entire congregation. (2 Cor. 9:2) If you are an elder or a ministerial servant, would reasonable adjustments in your life-style enable you to auxiliary pioneer from time to time or perhaps get into the regular pioneer work? If so, you will experience many blessings and will be in a better position to "work what is good toward all." As we individually look for ways to help and encourage others, Jehovah will add his blessing.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Through Effective Street Witnessing

1 "True wisdom itself keeps crying aloud in the very street." (Prov. 1:20) Jesus Christ went from place to place, publicly teaching the good news. (Luke 8:1) Paul preached in the marketplaces, as is evidenced at Acts 17:17. Street witnessing is an effective way of reaching people with the good news today.

2 We can do street witnessing at bus stops, at entrances to train stations, in front of businesses, or near apartment buildings that are inaccessible to us. How about busy street corners or public parks? When doing street witnessing, we must be careful not to stand in front of display windows, block entranceways, or interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

HOW TO DO IT

3 Approach people! In doing this, we need to be selective. Some experienced publishers try to establish eye contact as they approach the person, and after a warm greeting, they go right into their presentation.

4 Brief presentations are usually best. Using a question or making a statement that will catch the attention of the passerby is quite effective. When presenting the April 8 *Awake!* you may want to say: "Good morning. Do you think that the world will ever kick the smoking habit? [Allow for a response.] This issue of *Awake!* discusses the question. These two magazines can be yours for 40 cents." Or you may want to use the colorful illustrations on the cover to begin your presentation. When a person shows interest, you may be able to obtain his name and address, offering to call at his home to continue the discussion.

PREPARATION NECESSARY

5 To be effective in street witnessing, preparation is necessary. Endeavor to read the magazines ahead of time, and then select a point or two that you believe would interest others. It is helpful to rehearse your presentation with a family member or another publisher. This may help you to see where improvements can be made.—Prov. 27:17.

6 If some apartment buildings in the territory are not easily accessible, street witnessing nearby may be a practical means of contacting the occupants. It may be best to do street work early in the morning as people leave for work or in the evening as they return home. Many encouraging experiences have been enjoyed by those sharing in street magazine work.

7 Yes, effective street witnessing will enable many more to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth. Let us do it with zeal and enthusiasm!

Make Good Use of Older Tracts

1 A brief printed message that is designed to catch the eye and provoke thought—that is what our *Kingdom News* tracts have proved to be over the years. So it is important to make wise use of them. Rather than allowing these tracts to lie around and become discolored or soiled, we should be alert to *use* them in our ministry!

2 Even though we are not in a tract distribution campaign, publishers can wisely use tracts when the householder does not take the regular offer or the magazines. They may also be left when householders are not at home. Each tract provides a concise summary of a timely subject, making them effective tools in reaching people of various persuasions and interests. At times, a well-chosen tract is most effective in giving a further witness. It is free, can be read quickly, and invites the reader to obtain further information.

3 Some congregations still have older tracts on these timely subjects: "Is Time Running Out for Mankind?" (No. 16); "The Family—Can It Survive?" (No. 24); "Why Are We Here?" (No. 25); "Hope for Ending Inflation, Sickness, Crime, War" (No. 28); "Is a Happy Life Really Possible?" (No. 29). Make good use of them in your ministry so that they are not wasted. Congregations may order *Kingdom News* Nos. 30 to 33 when additional tracts are desired. You may wish to carry a variety of tracts to present in service. But be sure the tracts you use are still presentable.

4 Literature servants are encouraged to place a supply of the tracts on the counter or at some other convenient place so that those picking up literature can see what is available. No doubt many will be glad to take a supply for the appropriate contribution and use them effectively in the field ministry.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Bahamas had a 16-percent increase in November, with 787 publishers reporting. They passed the 1,300 mark in studies for the first time, with 1,312 studies reported. A circuit assembly was attended by 1,159, and 19 were baptized.**

◆ **Fiji had their 11th consecutive publisher peak, with 1,069 reporting in November. A new peak of 1,261 studies were conducted. Their circuit assemblies were attended by 2,616.**

◆ **The "Integrity Keepers" Convention in Haiti was attended by 16,260, with 262 baptized.**

◆ **Korea had a new peak of 40,192 publishers reporting in November. Pioneers have been steadily increasing there, and they now have 9,535 regular pioneers—their 33rd peak in a row.**

◆ **Mexico had its 25th consecutive peak in November, with 180,004 publishers reporting.**

◆ **Portugal reports auxiliary pioneers are up 21 percent over the same month one year ago. A new peak of 29,320 publishers was reached.**

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

Sing Praises to Jehovah (Large size) —Portuguese
Sing Praises to Jehovah (Small size) —Chinese, Portuguese
Survival Into a New Earth —Arabic
United in Worship of the Only True God —Thai
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Ketchi, Kuna, Lushai, Nepali, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu
In Search of a Father —Japanese
The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Sesotho, Tswana

- New Cassette Recordings Available: Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 1, *Genesis* to *Ruth* (set of 18 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $30.00; pioneers: $20.00) —English

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	287	130.0	92.6	55.1	5.6
Pios.	44,787	83.8	46.8	31.0	3.2
Aux. Pios.	27,179	59.6	33.1	18.9	1.7
Pubs.	633,397	9.5	7.2	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	705,650				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,336

A new peak in the number of regular pioneers was reached in January, the fourth this service year.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

March 30: Pages 120, par. 7 to 122, par. 12
April 6: Pages 123, par. 13 to 126, par. 3
April 13: Pages 127, par. 4 to 130, par. 11
April 20: Pages 130, par. 12 to 135, par. 11
April 27: Pages 136, par. 12 to 140, par. 3

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 5-11

Communicating well

1. Why is it important to enunciate clearly?
2. What type of speech should be avoided?
3. Why is eye contact important?

MAY 12-18

Jehovah's name (*Reasoning* book, pages 191-9)

1. Where is God's name found in commonly used translations?
2. Why is it important to know and use God's name?
3. How can a person both love and fear Jehovah?

MAY 19-25

Training children in service

1. Why should they be taken in field service?
2. How can they have a part?
3. How can others assist parents?

MAY 26–JUNE 1

God's purpose for the earth (*Reasoning* book, pages 112-17)

1. Will the nations completely ruin the earth?
2. Has God's purpose for the earth changed?
3. Who will live on earth forever?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Where Can You Find True Peace?
Ps. 146:3—Men cannot bring lasting peace.
Ps. 119:165—Jehovah is the source of true peace.

Apply the Things Learned

[1] Moses, who was a man of faith and a doer of God's will, said: "You must apply these words." (Deut. 11:18) Why such an exhortation? Israel was to obey Jehovah, to love him, and to serve him. (Deut. 11:8, 13) It was not enough just to know the commandments. They needed to "apply these words." Their doing so would result in many blessings.

[2] In our day, the Greater Moses, Jesus Christ, is directing spiritual Israel and the "great crowd" of faithful worshipers. We, too, need to apply the things we learn. Jesus said: "Everyone that hears these sayings of mine and does them will be likened to a discreet man." (Matt. 7:24) We 'hear' these sayings by reading the Bible and the Society's publications and by attending congregation meetings, circuit assemblies, and district conventions. Do we apply what we hear?

RECENT REMINDERS

[3] During the last circuit assembly series, emphasis was placed on the need to seek God's glory and to walk decently in view of the hour. We were reminded that in contrast with the demoralizing world in which we live, we should hate the works belonging to darkness. Are you applying the counsel given relative to inappropriate videocassettes, books, magazines, and TV programs that can undermine your spirituality? What about the warning against questionable social gatherings and the immoderate use of alcohol? We were warned about the snare of greed as well as the dangers of blindly following modern fads that can pervert and corrupt. Appropriate admonition was given about our conduct at district conventions, including the need for adults and children alike to comport themselves well at hotels and motels and to pay close attention to the program, instead of carrying on conversations that may disturb others. Will you be remembering and applying this counsel?

[4] At circuit assemblies and our

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Parents—Train Your Children in the Field Service

[1] How vital it is to give adequate care and attention to one's family! Paul wrote Timothy: "Certainly if anyone does not provide for those who are his own, and especially for those who are members of his household, he has disowned the faith and is worse than a person without faith." (1 Tim. 5:8) In a spiritual way, one of the primary responsibilities of Christian parents is to study with and train their children. (Deut. 6:6, 7; Eph. 6:4; 1 Tim. 4:15, 16) Family training will result in more qualified ministers to spread the good news of the Kingdom.—2 Tim. 2:1, 2.

[2] Parents should regularly schedule time to work with their children in field service. This is not always easy. But we can all agree that spending time in the field ministry on a regular basis brings many rich blessings. Taking your children along regularly will help them to see the importance of field service. As they have a fuller share in the work and improve in their abilities and experience Jehovah's blessings on their activity, their joy will increase.—Ps. 71:17.

[3] What can you do to help your children to appreciate and enjoy the field ministry? Show them how they can have a share. Prepare for the field service together. Youths appreciate the loving attention given, thus helping them advance through progressive training. Depending on their age, they can learn to be attentive at the doors or to give the householders an invitation or tract. As progress is made, train them to share in reading a scripture. Many young ones enjoy witnessing with the magazines. A simple magazine presentation can easily be learned. Parents can help their children to find good talking points in current magazines and to give effective presentations. Regular and progressive parental teaching and training produce positive results.—Eph. 4:13, 14.

VALUE OF EXAMPLE

[4] Children copy what they see. The Bible says: "One who is good will leave an inheritance to sons of sons." (Prov. 13:22) Therefore, parents need to do their utmost to set the right example. Your attitude toward the service will greatly affect your children. Through conversation and regular participation in the preaching work, do you show your child how much you appreciate the field ministry? Do your conversation and attitude indicate that you view pioneering as a goal for

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 4

Song 55

5 min: Local announcements and selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday.

12 min: Question Box. A talk with two or three pointed questions directed to audience to emphasize key points. Stress concern for rapid spiritual advancement of new ones, in view of nearness of great tribulation.

15 min: "Apply the Things Learned." Question-and-answer discussion. When considering paragraph 6, highlight need to follow previous suggestions given in offering *True Peace* book during May. Demonstrate some of these.

13 min: "Effective Meetings for Field Service." Talk. Emphasize importance of arriving on time for these meetings and benefiting to the full from information presented. Include local experiences in offering *True Peace* book.

Song 121 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 11

Song 183

10 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Theocratic News.

13 min: "Youths—What Do You Want out of Life?" Talk based on *Youth* book, chapter 23, pages 180-6. Highlight need for Christian youths to establish wholesome goals, dedicate themselves to Jehovah, prepare for baptism, support congregation, and take ministry seriously. Endeavor to keep on road leading to life. —Prov. 4:20-26.

22 min: "Parents—Train Your Children in the Field Service." Question-and-answer discussion handled by elder. There is a need to train children in the ministry from an early age. Help them to appreciate the need for dedication and to prepare for this and baptism as they grow both physically and spiritually. When considering paragraph 5, have brief demonstration, highlighting information outlined in *om* book, pages 99 and 100. Parent and youth approach elder, and parent asks whether his son (or daughter) is qualified to be counted as a publisher. Elder kindly reviews factors that must be considered. Youth has a basic knowledge of truth. Does he want to share in the field ministry? Does he participate in giving a witness at doors? How does parent feel? Elder agrees that youth does well and appears to be qualified to report as a publisher. Chairman concludes part by highlighting need for families to prepare for and participate in field ministry together.

Song 221 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 18

Song 143

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Briefly consider specific articles from current magazines that might be featured; outline talking points.

10 min: "Presenting the Good News —In Rural Territory." Talk. Adapt material to local circumstances. Stress need for responsible elders to coordinate coverage of territory.

25 min: "1986 'Divine Peace' District Convention"—Part One. Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 1-14. Highlight need to be quiet and attentive during program. To be handled by convention coordinator.

Song 163 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 25

Song 123

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to share in door-to-door ministry on first Sunday in June. Literature offer will be *Live Forever* book. Give one or two suggestions for tying in literature offer with current Topic for Conversation. Publishers should pick up literature supplies for service this weekend.

12 min: "Improving the Quality of Our Meetings." Encouraging talk. Illustrate points in paragraph 4 by using material from last week's *Watchtower* Study or Congregation Book Study.

25 min: "1986 'Divine Peace' District Convention"—Part Two. Question-and-answer consideration of insert, paragraphs 15-31. Everyone should carefully consider "District Convention Reminders." Highlight need for proper decorum and dress while attending convention. To be handled by presiding overseer.

Song 160 and concluding prayer.

Things Learned *(Cont'd)*

congregation meetings, we have been learning ways to increase our share in the field service and to improve our effectiveness as ministers of the good news. Our recent circuit assembly program highlighted the pioneer ministry. We were asked, "Can you make room for pioneering?" Have you been giving serious consideration to the pioneer service? Have you been encouraging others to pioneer?

[5] In 1985, *Our Kingdom Ministry* discussed many ways we could improve our ministry. Recommendations were made concerning ways to follow up the interest found, how to preach in business territory, how to offer subscriptions on return visits, what to do when preaching in high-crime areas, and what young ones can do to prepare a Scriptural presentation. In fact, the May 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry* outlined a word-for-word presentation that young publishers could use. It provided direction to help publishers who are discouraged or lack conviction at the doors. Have you been applying the things learned?

[6] During May the *True Peace* book will again be offered. Endeavor to apply the things you learned in March and April as to how the book may be presented. Make good use of the *Reasoning* book. By doing so, you will be better equipped to 'teach all the things Jesus has commanded us.'—Matt. 28:20.

HELP YOUR FAMILY

[7] When Moses spoke to Israel, he said: "You must also teach them to your sons." (Deut. 11:19) Have you parents been applying the things learned in connection with making disciples of your children? The July 1985 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* asked: "Does your entire family share in the field service the first Sunday of each month? What about the goal of helping family members learn the current Topic for Conversation or a new magazine presentation?" Does your family do these things?

[8] There is no doubt that applying the things learned will bring countless blessings. Jesus said: "If you know these things, happy you are if you do them."—John 13:17.

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1986 "Divine Peace" District Convention

¹ Jehovah's Witnesses are looking forward with expectation to the 1986 "Divine Peace" District Conventions that are scheduled for this summer. A listing of 130 conventions in the United States was provided in the February 1, 1986, *Watchtower*. All will want to make plans to attend.

² From ancient times, Jehovah's servants have gathered at assemblies and conventions. For example, while the Israelites were in Egypt, Moses and Aaron assembled the older men so that special instruction could be given to them. (Ex. 4:27-31) Thereafter, as God ordered, the Israelites gathered at the base of Mount Sinai. On that occasion they witnessed the awesome demonstration of Jehovah's power and received his commandments. (Ex. 19:10-19) Later, when the temple was constructed, Solomon gathered the people together in Jerusalem in connection with the dedication of that building. The convention lasted for many days, and when the people returned home, they were "joyful and feeling good at heart over the goodness that Jehovah had performed toward David and toward Solomon and toward Israel his people." (2 Chron. 5:1–7:10) The people regularly assembled in observance of the annual festivals, and as a result, they experienced many blessings.

³ Early Christians continued to follow this established pattern. On many occasions, large crowds gathered to listen to Jesus speak. Just imagine the blessings that were received by those who were privileged to be in attendance when Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount! (Matt. 5:1–7:29) After Jesus' death, his followers continued to meet together, as on the day of Pentecost 33 C.E. when holy spirit was poured out. (Acts 2:1-4) The apostle Paul admonished: "Let us consider one another to incite to love and fine works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you behold the day drawing near."—Heb. 10:24, 25.

⁴ In recent times as well, conventions have a special place in our theocratic arrangement. They are not mere social occasions but are designed to instruct and unite Jehovah's servants. All in attendance receive the same instruction at the same time. This promotes peace and unity. Jehovah's Word is read and considered, with clear direction given. Such gatherings result in many rich spiritual blessings and are occasions of great joy.

ATTEND ALL SESSIONS

⁵ The conventions scheduled for this summer will highlight the theme "Divine Peace." Jehovah is the God of peace, and he has blessed his people with peace as well. (Ps. 29:11) A different aspect of this theme will be highlighted each day.

⁶ Make every effort to attend all four days. The opening session will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. This will allow most of the brothers sufficient time to travel to the convention city on Thursday morning.

⁷ It is once again strongly recommended that you attend the convention to which your congregation is assigned, following the direction provided in the insert of the January 1986 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. It is appreciated, however, that there may be extenuating circumstances, such as prearranged vacation plans that cannot be adjusted or the need to assist relatives living in another area. In all cases, please cooperate closely with the direction given locally by your convention coordinator.

BAPTISM ARRANGEMENTS

⁸ The baptism is always one of the highlights of a district convention. At most locations, the talk for baptismal candidates will be on Saturday morning. Those who are contemplating baptism should have reviewed the questions with the local elders, in line with the direction outlined in the *Our Ministry* book, pages 173-5. A modest bathing suit and a towel should be brought by each one who arranges to be baptized.

⁹ Please note that the Society would like all baptismal candidates to remain standing in the section reserved for them for the singing of the first three verses of the song selected to close the session that includes the baptism talk. The assigned attendants will assist the candidates to file out during the singing of the fourth verse. The audience should remain for the singing of the entire song so as to facilitate the exiting of the baptismal candidates. Your cooperation in following these instructions will be very much appreciated.

BE A GOOD LISTENER

¹⁰ We will all want to be good listeners. In ancient Israel, the command was given: "Congregate the people, the men and the women and the little ones . . . , in order that they may listen and in order that they may learn." (Deut. 31:12) We meet together in order to be taught by Jehovah. Proverbs 1:5 states: "A wise person will listen and take in more instruction."

¹¹ Excellent direction was provided in the February 1, 1986, *Watchtower*, page 30, regarding the need to listen carefully while in attendance at the convention. It stated in part: "Many of us will have come at considerable expense in time and funds. So let us see to it that we are punctual and in good physical condition. That means that we should not overindulge in food or drink nor keep late hours.

Rather, let us make certain that we use moderation and get to bed on time so as to be refreshed and fit to take in all the spiritual food that is being provided. While the program is on, let us be in our seats listening, not wandering around or engaging in conversation. . . . The time to talk to our friends is before and after the sessions. Yes, let us come fully determined to get really built up spiritually." Will we endeavor to apply this fine counsel?

¹² We are pleased that, for the most part, convention delegates do put forth a determined effort to listen closely to the program. Family groups are observed sitting together, taking meaningful notes, and following the reading of Scripture texts in their personal copies of the Bible. A newspaper reporter who was in attendance at one of our conventions in Nairobi, Kenya, made this observation: "They all seemed to be giving reverence to Jehovah. Everybody, including children, patiently listened to one speaker after the other. They sat from 1:30 to 5:10 p.m." Our brothers and sisters in Africa provide a fine example for us to follow. A newspaper in Argentina stated that "order, cleanliness, and marked silence" by those in attendance characterized the district convention held in Buenos Aires recently. Our brothers in that country especially appreciate the privilege of assembling together because our work there had been banned for many years.

¹³ As stated earlier, we will not want to distract others by talking, moving about, or unnecessarily using the rest rooms while the program is in progress. One elder from the United States who attended a large convention last summer reported that at the beginning of each session he and his wife found it difficult to hear because of the movement, conversation, and looking for seats by latecomers. He stated that even during the remainder of the program there was constant movement and much talking in the stands and passageways.

¹⁴ Parents will want to assume the responsibility of properly supervising their families, seeing to it that their children listen and learn. It is suggested that family heads review with their households the direction provided in this insert before attending a convention. Thereafter, they will all want to apply the information personally. This will provide a good example for others, especially for families who may be newly associated with Jehovah's Witnesses. At one convention a group of young sisters in their early teens were observed sitting together, apart from their parents. They did not listen to the program or even join in the songs and prayers. Rather, they talked with one another and ate snacks throughout the session, taking little interest in what was being presented from the platform. Their conduct was very distracting to those around them. This illustrates the problems that can develop if parents are permissive and do not sit with or control their children.

SAVING OF SEATS

¹⁵ Some adjustments related to the saving of seats were made in the May 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The insert stated on page 5: "SEATS MAY BE SAVED ONLY FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY WHO MAY BE TRAVELING WITH YOU IN YOUR OWN CAR GROUP." Please do not place articles in additional seats at any time. This will enable those searching for unoccupied seats to find them easily. It is appreciated that many endeavored to apply this direction. Likewise, this year we will want to be concerned not only with our own personal needs but also with the needs of others.—Gal. 6:10; 1 Cor. 13:5.

¹⁶ We regret that negative reports have still been received from the field. At one convention site, individuals reportedly dressed in bedroom attire entered an auditorium at approximately 4:30 a.m. on Sunday and placed towels, bed sheets, and electric extension cords on hundreds of seats. This was done despite the fact that there were more than enough seats available for all who would be in attendance. At still another convention site—one that made use of an outdoor stadium—a brother reported that some delegates were establishing territorial rights by placing canopies over blocks of seats. Many of these seats were not used. Some were occupied by lunch baskets and beverage coolers throughout the sessions. At the same time, many older persons were looking for seats and could not find them.

¹⁷ Do not such accounts make us feel very sad? How did we and our family members conduct ourselves in this regard? Did we take the lead in demonstrating humility, fellow feeling, and compassion for others?—Luke 14:7-11; Phil. 2:3; 1 Pet. 3:8.

DRESS AND GROOMING

¹⁸ Regardless of the facility used, it becomes our "Kingdom Hall" during the convention, and so we should act and dress accordingly. Our brothers and sisters have done very well in this regard, and as a result, an excellent witness has been given. Note this positive experience from Canada. A sister was waiting to meet a relative en route to the convention. She noticed another woman standing near her, intently observing the conventioners on their way to the stadium. In time this woman turned to the sister and stated: "These people are so outstanding in the way that they dress to go to a convention. They are so nicely dressed, so neat and tidy. What is so amazing is the way that their young people look. Not a pair of jeans among them! It's just amazing for young people." An invitation to the convention was readily accepted by this individual. She was impressed by what she saw.

¹⁹ Our dress should be not only modest and in good taste but practical for the occasion as well. For example, if the convention facility is air-

conditioned, it may be best to bring a coat or a sweater. If a stadium or other outside facility is used, it would be good to wear long-sleeved clothing, hats, and so forth, to offer protection from the sun and weather. Raincoats and umbrellas are helpful in the event of rain. Advance planning is needed.

[20] What about our personal appearance while at our places of accommodation or while traveling in the convention city? One traveling overseer noted that when some of the brothers got back to their rooming accommodations, they quickly changed into clothes that made them appear as if they were on a camping trip or picnic. Some even wore immodest and faddish outfits that made them hard to recognize as Jehovah's Witnesses. We will want to be discreet so as not to give any cause for stumbling. —2 Cor. 6:3.

CONDUCT IN CONVENTION CITY

[21] All of us should be alert to maintain a high standard of Christian conduct when staying at motels and hotels while in the convention city. Rather than being in a socially festive mood, we ought to demonstrate a spiritual frame of mind and conduct ourselves as ministers.

[22] Some problems have been reported. A number of teenage Witnesses staying at one motel spent much time on the tennis court, on walkways, and in break-dancing to the accompaniment of loud music. A sister who is employed at another motel reported that she was embarrassed because of the questionable conduct of some of Jehovah's Witnesses who stayed there. There appeared to be an excessive amount of drinking, and some rooms were left in a very unclean condition. A bad impression was left with the management. While these may be isolated incidents, it helps all of us to see the need to be careful about our personal conduct and the impression we give to others.

[23] It must also be remembered that as Christians we must conduct ourselves honestly at all times. We should not want to take linen or other "souvenirs" from motels, as this is stealing; nor should we be untruthful in reporting how many persons we plan to have in a room when making reservations. Faithfulness to Jehovah's righteous standards, even in little things, will result in a good witness.—Luke 16:10.

[24] While away from home, we may eat in restaurants or be provided with services by hotel or motel personnel. The inserts of the May 1981 and 1980 *Our Kingdom Service* provided good direction on the matter of tipping. While fast-food eating establishments do not provide waiter service and so no tipping is expected, it is usually the local custom when eating in restaurants to leave a generous and appropriate tip for waiter services. (Prov. 11:25) Individual tipping may be the major source of income for the person rendering personal services. If you are not sure as to what is expected in this regard, you could inquire. We do not want to take such things for granted or demonstrate thoughtlessness that could reflect unfavorably upon Jehovah's name people.

FIELD SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

[25] People living in convention cities are usually made aware of our conventions by the news media. Their interest is often aroused, and they have many questions. We are thus often able to give a witness not only by our fine conduct but also by speaking with the people directly. Look for opportunities to witness informally while shopping, traveling to and from the convention site, and so forth.

[26] In addition, arrangements will once again be made at each convention for field service on Friday, following the conclusion of the afternoon session at 3:00 p.m. This will give all of us the opportunity to participate in the service for an hour or two. Please bring a supply of current magazines with you for this activity. It is also suggested that you obtain territory and make up your car groups in advance, if possible. Doing so will enhance your appreciation of the convention.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

[27] Much work is required to operate a convention and to care for the needs of those in attendance. Many volunteer workers are needed. Your congregation's convention coordinator will receive information listing departments in need of volunteers, and he will make this known to the congregation. You can arrange through him to volunteer your services. Children under 16 years of age who work must do so with a parent or another adult at all times. We encourage parents and their children to volunteer and work together if that is possible.

[28] There will be need for some last-minute volunteers. If you want to assist, please go to the Volunteer Service desk when you arrive at the convention. Your willing service will be very much appreciated and will help toward the operation of a successful convention.—Ps. 110:3.

FOOD NEEDS

[29] Once again special arrangements are being made to care for our physical needs. Provisions for food and drink will be similar to what has been available at district conventions in recent years. Do we not appreciate the hard work of the brothers in the Food Service Department as they provide us with adequate food at a reasonable cost?

[30] Convention tickets to purchase food and drink will be available at the cost of $1.00 per sheet of ten. It is suggested that you purchase these in advance through your congregation. Purchase enough tickets to supply your family's food needs for the first two or three days of the convention. You

may obtain additional tickets at the convention itself.

CONCLUSION

[31] May we and our families resolve to attend all sessions of the 1986 "Divine Peace" District Convention and concentrate on the program. We will not be disappointed. In addition, be conscious of the needs of our brothers and sisters, doing what we can to demonstrate thoughtfulness and Christian love. (Gal. 6:10) In a world filled with strife and violence, what a grand privilege we have to worship the God of peace and to be able to assemble peacefully with our brothers and sisters. May we continue to "observe the oneness of the spirit in the uniting bond of peace."—Eph. 4:3.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already confirmed a reservation, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you have made duplicate reservations with the idea of selecting preferred rooms upon arrival, please cancel them immediately. Making duplicate reservations and failing to cancel reservations that will not be used damages our reputation and relationship with motel managers who are giving us special rates.

Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the special needs arrangement, you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so that the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon your request, available information on any commercial trailer or camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BABY STROLLERS: In many states, baby strollers may not be used in places of public assembly. Fire regulations prohibit parking them in corridors, aisles, or between rows of seats. Since larger crowds may cause congested conditions, baby strollers are potentially dangerous not only to the baby but also to any who may stumble over them. However, car or infant seats are permissible, since these can be secured in seats next to the parents. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. That will be 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, 9:20 a.m. on Friday, and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday at most conventions. The same fine qualities are displayed when we do not plan to leave before the sessions conclude. The closing song and prayer will be at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday. Friday afternoon will be set aside for a special effort in field service, following the closing song and prayer at 3:00 p.m. On Saturday the closing song and prayer will be at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

BETHEL AND GILEAD MEETINGS: A meeting will be held on Friday for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service. There will be a meeting on Saturday for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and who would like to enter Bethel service. Check the program at the convention city for the exact times and locations of these meetings.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers as well as traveling overseers will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $18 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower ID card at that one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any gift releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only, upon showing their Watchtower ID card. Those in Bethel service may obtain these same provisions by showing their Bethel ID card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention as well as to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the specially designed lapel card at the convention and also while traveling to and from the convention site. Not only is the card a means of identification but it so often results in giving a fine witness while traveling. You should obtain these through your congregation as they will *not* be available at the conventions. The lapel cards are two cents each. (Lapel cards have already been consigned to each congregation by the Society, but the plastic holders must be ordered by the congregation.)

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions. Additionally, it has been reported that there is a greater risk of falls on stairs and ramps when sisters wear high-heeled shoes.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **May**: *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for contribution of $1.00. **June and July**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for contribution of $2.50. Reduced-size books are $1.25. **August**: One of the following brochures for contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*, or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*.
- New Publications Available:

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—1985 edition (regular; *bi12* with marginal references) —German

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, deluxe edition (*DLbi12*); available in black or maroon —Danish, Portuguese

  Reasoning From the Scriptures —Italian, Korean

  Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Punjabi

  From Kurukshetra to Armageddon—And Your Survival —Malayalam, Tamil

  The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Chichewa, Ewe, Ga, Hiri Motu, Kwanyama, Luvale, New Guinea Pidgin, Shona, Silozi, Sranan Tongo, Tuvaluan, Twi

  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1984 —English
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  The following sets of three are $4.50 congregation and public; $3.75 pioneers:

  The First of Kings —Japanese

  The Second of Kings —Japanese

Question Box

- How can we help our Bible students to qualify for baptism as disciples of Jesus Christ?

This can most effectively be done by (1) conducting a regular and progressive home Bible study, (2) encouraging regular attendance and participation at the five weekly congregation meetings, and (3) as soon as they become Scripturally qualified, helping and training them to have a meaningful share in the field ministry.

Jesus Christ commissioned his followers to make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach them to observe his commandments. That commission remains in effect to this day, as indicated by the words: "And, look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things."—Matt. 28:19, 20.

A disciple is one who accepts and actively promotes the teachings of another. Therefore, those being baptized not only must have gained a basic knowledge of Bible truth but should already be demonstrating by

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Effective Meetings for Field Service

[1] Zeal for field service has noticeably increased in the past few years. In part, this may be due to better education of God's people in how to present the good news to others effectively. Instructive meetings for field service play an important part in this educational process.

[2] These meetings should prepare the minds and hearts of the brothers and sisters for the work they will be doing. Those participating in field service appreciate meetings that highlight good practical points and suggestions that will help them to be effective in their preaching activity.

[3] In order to benefit those attending, the one assigned to conduct the meeting should think in advance of what he will do to make it both interesting and instructive. The daily text can be discussed, especially if it is appropriate for field service. Points from Meetings for Field Service should be used. There may be times when it would be appropriate to consider portions from *Reasoning From the Scriptures*. As a result, those attending should feel better equipped to carry on their ministry. *The meeting for field service should be brief, limited to no more than 15 minutes.*

[4] How can you help to make meetings for service beneficial? By reviewing the material in advance and thinking about points that would be helpful to others. If you have good success in applying the suggestions being discussed, you may have helpful comments that can be made.

[5] Before concluding with prayer, generally the one conducting should check to make sure that those in the group know with whom they will go and where they will be working. Sufficient territory should be assigned so that all will be able to keep busy for the full time they are in the field ministry. After the prayer, all should proceed to the territory, thus making the best use of time.

[6] Well-planned meetings for service can greatly help us to get organized and to present the message more effectively. Many report that they share more zealously in the ministry and stay out longer as a result of being properly instructed at the meetings for field service.

Improving the Quality of Our Meetings

[1] The October 1985 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* featured the article "Manifesting Spiritual Growth by Participating in Meetings." Have you followed the suggestions given? If so, your comments at the meetings have probably been more to the point and more beneficial to you and to others. At this time, we want to address the matter of improving the quality of our meetings and point out the benefits we can derive through personal preparation.

[2] Let us illustrate it this way. If you were planning to visit the Bible lands, your anticipation would be greatly heightened if you first studied information about these lands and their history as presented in the Bible and in references such as the *Aid* book. If you were to make no advance preparation, there would be less eagerness on your part to see specific places of interest. The same is true with regard to attending congregation meetings. By taking time to review what is to be discussed at the meetings, we whet our spiritual appetite and become more eager to have a share in commenting.

[3] Demands on our time are becoming greater with each passing year. How do we find the needed time to study? We have to buy out time from nonessential activities. (Eph. 5:16) By far the majority of Jehovah's Witnesses are in attendance at all five weekly meetings, and for many it is with no small effort that they are present. In order to derive the greatest benefit from the time and effort spent in getting to the meetings, we need to spend some time on advance preparation.

[4] When commenting, be conscious of such essentials as accuracy, brevity, and clarity. Advance preparation will help. Upon receiving a new issue of *The Watchtower*, read it through. Later, in preparation for the *Watchtower* Study, underline only key words and phrases. (Please see *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*, page 36.) This will enable us to give comments that are brief and to the point.

[5] With more volunteering to comment, greater enthusiasm will be in evidence. This should stimulate shy ones to participate, giving a wider range of upbuilding comments. If we apply these suggestions, our joy will increase and the quality of the meetings will improve as we make "public declaration," or "confession," of our faith.—Heb. 10:23, *Rbi8* footnote.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Rural Territory

1 Although preaching the good news in rural territories offers challenges that are not generally present when working in metropolitan areas, it can bring rewarding experiences. Many people who live in isolated areas are responding favorably to the good news of the Kingdom, and we want to do all that we can to help them.—Compare Isaiah 42:10, 11.

ADVANCE PLANNING NECESSARY

2 In order to cover rural territory thoroughly, advance planning is needed, especially on the part of the elders. They will consider whether the size of car groups of publishers should be limited so that all can keep busy and the most can be accomplished. In some rural areas, houses are close together; in other sections they are farther apart. These factors should be considered when car groups are arranged. Sometimes publishers can be dropped off and later picked up by the car driver. However, good judgment should be shown.

3 Weather and road conditions must also be taken into consideration when working rural areas. In some territories rain, mud, snow, or icy conditions may make it difficult to travel at times. Elders may make arrangements to concentrate on working certain territories during summer months.

COOPERATION NEEDED

4 Working rural territories requires cooperation and consideration on the part of all. Sometimes, when extensive driving is necessary, those traveling in car groups can assist with automobile expenses. Additionally, good judgment should be exercised when publishers are invited into homes. Others waiting in the car will want to be patient. On the other hand, the publisher who is at the house will not want to spend an excessive amount of time talking with the householder but be conscious that others are waiting. Arrangements can be made for a return visit.

5 Plan to spend long days working in distant rural territory. This may be done especially during summer months when days are longer so that more can be accomplished. Publishers can arrange to take their lunch, as well as a sufficient supply of literature.

6 If rural territory is not worked frequently, it may be appropriate to leave a back issue of a magazine or a tract at not-at-homes. Some individuals have read such literature with interest upon returning home and have learned the truth. Keep an accurate record of interest found, and strive to call back at a later date. Effectively working rural territory presents challenges and may call for sacrifices. However, the results can be most rewarding.

7 May Jehovah continue to bless the efforts of his people as we "declare abroad the kingdom of God" in rural territories.—Luke 9:60.

Train Children *(Cont'd)*

which young and old can reach out? —Deut. 5:29.

5 Many young ones who have not as yet been baptized are sharing in the field service. We are pleased to have them with us. (Matt. 19:13-15) It may be that they are too young to understand fully what dedication means. But time does not stand still. So parents should be helping their children to see the need to progress and, in due course, to take the steps of dedication and baptism. Are your children responding to the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah? Are they applying what they are learning in the home and in the congregation? It is our hope that our young publishers will make continued progress and grow in their love for Jehovah and in their desire to serve him.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

May 4: Pages 140, par. 4 to 143, par. 10
May 11: Pages 144, par. 11 to 148, par. 6
May 18: Pages 148, par. 7 to 151, par. 13
May 25: Page 152 (first and second sections)

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	286	128.0	90.6	53.9	5.7
Pios.	44,846	79.5	43.9	29.7	3.2
Aux. Pios.	24,441	58.6	32.3	18.7	1.7
Pubs.	640,358	9.1	6.8	3.8	0.5
TOTAL	709,931				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,427

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Canada reports that a total of 46,490 books were distributed during December. They had 3,117 regular pioneers and 2,659 auxiliary pioneers reporting.**

◆ **Denmark reports 200 auxiliary pioneers, a 38-percent increase when compared with December one year ago.**

◆ **Fiji reports their 12th consecutive peak in publishers, with 1,073 reporting for December. They had 95 baptized at their "Integrity Keepers" Convention, the highest number for any convention ever held in Fiji.**

◆ **Finland reached a new peak in publishers during December, with 15,351 sharing in the field service.**

◆ **Ivory Coast had a new peak of 2,144 total publishers in December.**

◆ **New Caledonia reached its eighth consecutive peak, with 772 publishers. This is a 13-percent increase over last December.**

Question Box *(Cont'd)*

their life course that they understand and are conforming to Jehovah's righteous standards. Additionally, as disciples of Jesus Christ, they recognize Jehovah's visible organization and the authority of Jesus Christ as exercised through "the faithful and discreet slave." (Matt. 24:45-47; Acts 1:8) Sensing the urgency of our times, they have aligned themselves with Jehovah's people in doing the work Jesus initiated and assigned to his followers. (Luke 8:1; Matt. 24:14) Water baptism for these disciples serves as an outward symbol of their whole-souled dedication to Jehovah God.—Compare Psalm 40:8.

It is good to keep in mind that we are helping Bible students to become disciples of Jesus Christ and not disciples of ourselves. If, because of personal circumstances, available time, natural abilities, or other valid considerations, it should become apparent that we are not able to help the Bible student to make the needed progress toward discipleship, we should talk with the elders about the matter. They may be able to make practical suggestions contributing to the spiritual development of the student, in harmony with the apostle Paul's words at 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

The home Bible study should continue until the completion of the two books *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* and *United in Worship of the Only True God,* even if the student becomes qualified and is baptized before the two books are finished. If either or both of these books are not available in the language of the student, other comparable Society publications that set forth basic Bible teachings and explain Jehovah's righteous requirements for mankind can be used.

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 2-8

Offering *Live Forever* book

1. How will you introduce offer?
2. How can illustrations be used? (Examples: pages 12-13 and 156-7)

JUNE 9-15

How can you lead into a home Bible study

1. On the initial call?
2. On a return visit?
3. Using a tract or a brochure?

JUNE 16-22

How would you respond to

1. An angry householder?
2. Householder who says he is already a Christian? (See *Reasoning* book, p. 19.)

JUNE 23-29

In local territory

1. What are common objections?
2. What subjects appeal to householders?
3. How might the *Reasoning* book be used?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Where Can You Find True Peace?
Ps. 146:3—Men cannot bring lasting peace.
Rom. 16:20—Jehovah is the source of true peace.

Be Progressive in Your Ministry

[1] Growth and progress are desirable qualities to observe and experience. The farmer anxiously watches seedlings grow into fruit-producing plants. Parents take delight in seeing their children develop into responsible adults. In like manner, Jehovah is keenly interested in seeing us make spiritual progress in our ministry. His Word encourages us to make our advancement manifest, that is, observable.—1 Tim. 4: 15, 16; Phil. 3:13, 16.

[2] Paul's letter to the Hebrews indicates that some had failed to be progressive in their ministry. He likened them to babes; before they could make progress as teachers of God's Word, someone had to teach them the fundamentals. (Heb. 5: 12-14) Does not their experience and the counsel they received emphasize that we ought to see progress in our Christian course? How can we work toward improving the quality of our field ministry?

IMPROVING OUR PRESENTATIONS

[3] Possibly your first experience in field service was accompanied by nervousness and feelings of inadequacy. You may have memorized a presentation and used it over and over until you felt more comfortable at the doors. As we increase in knowledge, however, our presentations should become more flexible, enabling us to speak with greater confidence on a variety of Bible topics. How are you progressing in this regard? Are you still expressing yourself at the doors as you did when you started publishing? Or have you made advancement in your door-to-door presentations?

[4] Many of Jehovah's Witnesses who began publishing at an early age were taught a brief magazine presentation by their parents. In the course of time, these have progressed to using the current Topic for Conversation with the regular literature offer. Parents, we encourage you to help your children to improve their presentations as they grow physically and spiritually.

[5] Of vital importance to our being progressive in the ministry is the training offered at congregation meetings. Do we pay close attention at the Service Meeting? There we receive current instruction that can help us to meet effectively the challenges we face in our ministry. Are we taking advantage of this excellent provision? Our presentations will be greatly improved if we take all this valuable training to heart and put it to use.

USING THE *LIVE FOREVER* BOOK

[6] The *Live Forever* book is a remarkable teaching aid, a timely

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Keep Active in Preaching During Summer Months

[1] Many good things we enjoy are associated with Jehovah's gift of summertime. (Jas. 1:17) Are we resolved to use this summer to his praise? Of course, our theocratic activities should remain in first place during all seasons of the year. Surely we will have this in mind as we plan our summer activities.

USING EVERY OPPORTUNITY

[2] Many of us have had faith-strengthening experiences as a result of keeping active in preaching while on vacation. Tactfully initiating informal conversations with others in restaurants and motels or while traveling brings many blessings to brothers who take this initiative in speaking to others about the good news. While traveling, a brother spoke to a young man who was reading a book on politics and sparked his interest in the Kingdom hope. The young man obtained literature from the Society, and within a few months, he was moved to resign from his church and began teaching others what he had learned.

[3] Advance preparation is necessary if you are to get the best results. Be sure to have your Bible and a supply of literature with you. Plan on attending meetings and working in field service with the local congregation where you visit.

[4] The upcoming "Divine Peace" District Conventions will provide excellent opportunities to preach while traveling. Wearing our lapel cards often arouses the curiosity of others, affording us the opportunity of starting conversations.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PIONEER

[5] During school vacation periods, young dedicated publishers who qualify can auxiliary pioneer. In

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◆ **OUTSTANDING MARCH REPORT INCLUDES NEW PEAK OF 723,881 PUBLISHERS!** ◆

Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

NOTE: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will schedule a Service Meeting for each week during the summer. Congregations may make adjustments as needed to allow for attending the district convention and then for a 30-minute review of the program highlights at the Service Meeting the following week. Review may be divided into three 10-minute portions. Following brief introduction, chairman could review Thursday and Friday program highlights. Second brother would review Saturday program, and third brother would focus attention on Sunday highlights. Any experiences used or occasional comments from audience should be brief and to the point. A well-prepared review will help the brothers to remember key points for personal application and use in the field.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 1

Song 148

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The June 22 *Awake!* has two helpful articles on tipping. Brothers are encouraged to read these articles before going to convention cities or visiting other places.

20 min: "Be Progressive in Your Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Read paragraphs and cited scriptures as time permits. Present one or two well-prepared, pointed demonstrations showing how to offer the *Live Forever* book in local territory. Note use of Romans 16:20 as second scripture in Topic for Conversation. Adapt material to local needs.

15 min: Family Preparation for Field Service. Family-group discussion. Family head takes lead in discussion with wife and children, including one preteen child and one in late teens. Father calls attention to information on page 11 in *Reasoning* book under "FAMILY/CHILDREN." Suggests that these introductions will blend in very nicely with current Topic for Conversation. Wife can express agreement. Is asked how she plans to use these introductions along with topic and offer of the *Live Forever* book. She believes this presentation will be effective in local territory where there are many families with young children. She enjoys having one of the children accompany her from house to house and read one of the scriptures to be used. Father asks older son or daughter how this material could be used effectively by young person in house-to-house ministry. After greeting householder, young one may inquire whether there are children in the family and ask householder what he thinks future holds for his children or for other young ones today. Young publisher could then state that although many young people are discouraged because of what the future seems to hold for them, he is optimistic because of what his parents have helped him to learn from the Bible. This would lead into the current topic. Preteen child could then be helped with preparation of brief presentation to be used in offering the *Live Forever* book or current magazines, or shown how to offer a tract or an invitation when working with parent. Chairman should encourage parents to take time to help family members prepare for meaningful house-to-house service.

Song 126 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 8

Song 14

12 min: Local announcements, including accounts report. Commend congregation for material support of Kingdom work. If congregation has received a contribution acknowledgment letter from Society, it can be read. Encourage all who can to participate in magazine work this Saturday. Briefly discuss highlights of current magazines that would have local appeal. Demonstrate an appropriate presentation featuring *The Watchtower* and one featuring *Awake!* Presentations should be pointed and of a minute's duration or less.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Following Up Interest Promptly." Question-and-answer consideration. When considering paragraph 4, have a demonstration of publisher on initial call making arrangement for a return visit later the same week. After considering paragraphs 6 and 7, demonstrate a householder declining literature offer and the publisher continuing with brief Bible discussion. As publisher and companion leave the door, they talk about why they should call back.

13 min: "Can You Accept Discipline?" Talk to congregation based on article beginning on page 26 of May 1, 1986, issue of *The Watchtower*.

Song 138 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 15

Song 133

12 min: Local announcements, Theocratic News, and local field service report. Service overseer or other capable brother commends congregation for progress in field ministry, highlighting strong points in the report. May offer appropriate suggestions for continued improvement, stressing congregation's commission to preach "this good news of the kingdom." (Matt. 24:14) Call attention to highlights of March service report for country and local congregation's part in it.

18 min: "Keep Active in Preaching During Summer Months." A talk with a few pointed questions directed to audience. Outline any special field service activities the local congregation has arranged for the summer months. Encourage family heads to make arrangements for field activity during vacation period or when attending "Divine Peace" District Convention. May include appropriate experience regarding successful arrangements carried out by some last year or a brief interview with family head or group regarding plans for this summer.

15 min: Local needs or "Praying Before Others With a Humble Heart." Talk based on article beginning on page 21 of May 15, 1986, *Watchtower*.

Song 31 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 22

Song 144

10 min: Local announcements. Give report on progress of current service campaign with *Live Forever* book. Have publisher(s) relate one or two selected brief experience(s) in placing current offer. Have any Bible studies been started? Encourage full participation in field service this weekend, including magazine work this Saturday.

20 min: "Keep Faith Strong Through Personal Study." After brief introduction based on paragraph 1, conduct question-and-answer discussion of remaining paragraphs. Read paragraphs and cited scriptures as time permits. When considering paragraph 6, include practical suggestions that have worked for local brothers. May have a publisher relate briefly what has helped him to improve his study habits and strengthen his faith.

15 min: Local needs or time may be used for portion missed while attending convention. Otherwise, have consideration of "Questions From Readers" in May 1, 1986, *Watchtower*.

Song 202 and concluding prayer.

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- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- One of the dramas to be presented at the "Divine Peace" District Convention is based on Genesis chapters 37, 39-45. It is suggested that everyone read that material in preparation for the drama.
- New Publications Available:
  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? (Small size) —German

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Progressive Ministry (*Cont'd*)

provision from Jehovah's progressive organization. During the months of June and July we can have a full share in the distribution of this excellent publication. However, as progressive ministers, we want to do more than merely place books. A careful record of all placements should be kept. Why? Because in placing the *Live Forever* book, we are providing the householder with a principal textbook for Bible study. Our ultimate goal is to make disciples, so a conscientious effort should be made to return within the week, if possible, to develop the interest even further.

[7] Progressive ministers learn to take advantage of every opportunity to offer a Bible study. Some publishers are able to start studies on the first call. When directing the householder's attention to the book, use paragraphs that you have selected in advance. These should be directly related to the subject under discussion and have questions that are likely to arouse interest. Publishers who carefully prepare to do this are more successful in starting studies than are those who show the householder portions of the book at random.

[8] We have come to be part of Jehovah's progressive organization, and Jehovah lovingly assists us to keep pace with it. Let us all respond to that help by being progressive in our ministry. By taking advantage of the abundant direction and training he provides, "let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ."—Eph. 4:15.

Keep Faith Strong Through Personal Study

[1] Study of the Bible is to spiritual health and strong faith what proper diet is to physical well-being. You cannot be strong spiritually without regular personal study of the Bible. Furthermore, good study habits enable us to maintain strong faith and thus ward off successfully Satan's fiery darts of persecution, materialism, and temptations to do what is bad.—Eph. 6:16.

BENEFITS OF PERSONAL STUDY

[2] Personal study enriches our understanding of the Scriptures. It helps us to build a strong faith and to grasp the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of the Christ. (Rom. 11:33; Eph. 3:16-19) As a fruit of the spirit, faith becomes a motivating force in our lives. We are helped to put on the new personality and to conduct ourselves as spiritual persons. (Gal. 5: 22, 23; Eph. 4:24) We are better equipped to deal with personal problems. We are enabled to overlook the shortcomings of others and to promote peace and unity in the congregation. (Col. 3:10, 13, 14) All of this can be refreshing to us and to others.

[3] Personal study also better equips us to help interested persons we contact in the field ministry. Confidently we will be able to 'make a defense before everyone that demands of us a reason for the hope in us.' (1 Pet. 3:15) Like our Exemplar, Christ Jesus, we can speak as one having authority, accurately knowing Jehovah's will and able to point out clearly and logically what the Scriptures teach.—Matt. 7: 28, 29.

HOW AND WHEN TO STUDY

[4] Our aim should be to do more than just read over study material. It takes time to reflect on what we read. Ask yourself: How does the material apply to me? What does it reveal about Jehovah, his qualities, and his ways? How might I use this information to help others? How does it relate to what I already know about the subject? By doing research to answer questions raised, we will gain a broadened understanding of the study material and see how it fits into the overall pattern of truth. This is how understanding is acquired.—Prov. 4:5.

[5] Developing a good study routine requires setting aside and holding to specific times for study. (Compare Philippians 3:16.) Some may find this difficult to do, but it becomes easier with time and effort. And how rewarding! Perhaps you could study before retiring at night. Some prefer rising a little earlier in the morning to make use of this period of quietude. Lunch breaks from secular work can be used. Whenever the time, seek out the environment most conducive to study. This will enable you to concentrate and will contribute to retention. The heart can thus be motivated in the way of righteousness. —Prov. 15:28.

WHAT TO STUDY

[6] Preparation for our five weekly meetings should occupy a prominent place in our personal study program. In addition to preparing for the *Watchtower* Study and Congregation Book Study, are you benefiting fully from the rich spiritual food outlined for the Theocratic Ministry School? Be sure to keep up with the scheduled Bible reading and take time to research Bible highlights in the Society's publications. If you review ahead of time the material of talks 1, 3, and 4, you will find the presentations in the school more interesting. Important Bible instruction will be more deeply impressed on your mind.

[7] Preparing for the Service Meeting does not require a major portion of our personal study time, but this, too, should be included in our schedule. If you use just a few minutes each week to go over the program that is outlined in *Our Kingdom Ministry,* this will help keep your faith strong and help you to express your faith to others in the field ministry.

[8] A balanced program for personal study will help toward your being "made mighty in the man you are inside." (Eph. 3:16) Yes, a strong faith, deepened love for Jehovah and Christ Jesus, broader knowledge, and greater effectiveness in the ministry—all these benefits and more—make personal study worthwhile. Do you have a good program for personal study?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

June 1: Page 152 (third and fourth sections)
June 8: Pages 153, par. 14 to 156, par. 6
June 15: Pages 156, par. 7 to 161, par. 2
June 22: Pages 162, par. 3 to 170, par. 4
June 29: Pages 170, par. 5 to 172, par. 8

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Following Up Interest Promptly

1 The apostle Paul encouraged Timothy: "Preach the word, be at it urgently . . . do the work of an evangelizer, fully accomplish your ministry." (2 Tim. 4:2, 5) That counsel well applies today.

2 There is an urgent need to find those remaining ones who are "sighing and groaning" over the corruption prevailing in Christendom. (Ezek. 9:4) Indeed, "the whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one," so that people everywhere need the Kingdom. (1 John 5:19) We can help them by making effective return visits. Following up interest promptly can save lives.

CALL BACK SOON

3 When you make a return visit soon after the initial call, the householder is more likely to remember the subject you discussed. You will be in a good position to pick up the conversation where you left off and develop the interest further. You may be able to increase the interest before others can introduce negative thoughts into the householder's mind.

4 While working in field service one Monday, a sister met and witnessed to a young mother who was despondent and without hope. She made a return visit on Thursday and started a Bible study. The woman commented that she had never had her questions answered so clearly from the Bible. Another call was made on Friday to draw attention to the subject of the *Watchtower* Study for Sunday. The woman attended that first Sunday and continued making spiritual progress. If we wait too long before calling back on interested people, the initial interest may soon fade away and be difficult to rekindle.

5 On the initial call, a specific appointment can be made for a return visit. This may be done effectively by raising a thought-provoking question and offering to return with the answer. Make an appointment for a specific time the following week, later in the same week, or even the next day if appropriate.

FOLLOW UP ALL INTEREST

6 As Christians we are all encouraged to make disciples. (Matt. 28:19) In addition to those who accept Bible literature, others may be interested in the good news. Some who decline to accept literature may be willing to discuss Bible subjects. If you detect interest, whether literature is placed or not, by all means call back and try to cultivate the interest. We are looking for people who are interested in the good news.

7 A special pioneer in Korea sensed latent interest in a woman who always refused to accept the magazines. The pioneer put the magazines aside, and the woman was willing to discuss a few paragraphs in one of the booklets. The sister came back three days later for a second discussion. After a few more calls, the woman was having a Bible study twice a week. In four months she was able to overcome serious family opposition and began preaching to others.

8 If you really want to stimulate interest and start Bible studies, it is very important that you follow up all interest promptly. Doing so will bring you many blessings from Jehovah's hand.

Keep Active (*Cont'd*)

some cases, the entire family can share in this privilege, resulting in greater joy and unity in the family circle. An increasing number of family members have set a goal of sharing in the auxiliary pioneer work every summer.

6 Then there are those who are planning to begin regular pioneering on September 1, 1986. Thousands who started pioneering last September are now looking forward to attending the Pioneer Service School later this year. If you begin serving as an auxiliary pioneer during the summer months, you will be able to build up your return visits and start Bible studies. This will provide you with a good foundation for beginning the regular pioneer work in September. Even if your present circumstances will not allow you to share in the regular pioneer work, you can still work toward increasing the time you normally spend in field service. You may be able to make arrangements to accompany the pioneers in the ministry, encourage them, and share in their joy.

7 Many distractions can interfere with our summer preaching activity. But the wise ones will keep their priorities straight, putting Kingdom interests first. Staying busy in the preaching work at all times shows that we recognize the urgency of these last days.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Bolivia's 4,393 publishers averaged 14 hours in the field ministry for the month of January.

◆ Dominican Republic had new peaks of 9,289 publishers and 16,044 Bible studies in January. Zone overseer's talk was attended by 14,492.

◆ Ecuador reports a new peak of 9,847 publishers for January. They have fine prospects for increase as indicated by a new peak of 17,113 Bible studies.

◆ France passed the 90,000 publisher mark, with a new peak of 90,199 reporting for January.

◆ French Guiana had a new peak of 405 publishers in January, a 14-percent increase.

◆ In January, Ghana reached a new peak of 2,224 regular pioneers. To take care of the many interested ones, the publishers averaged 13 hours and one Bible study.

◆ Kenya had a new peak of 3,600 publishers for January. Congregation publishers there are averaging 16.5 hours in the service and thus were able to report a new peak of 5,716 Bible studies.

◆ South Africa reported a new peak of 38,291 publishers for January, along with a new peak of 2,522 regular pioneers.

◆ Sweden's peak of 1,291 regular pioneers is a 22-percent increase compared with January one year ago. A new peak of 20,339 publishers was also reached.

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

Reasoning From the Scriptures
—Afrikaans, Sepedi, Tswana, Xhosa
You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Small size)
—German, Kwanyama
The Time for True Submission to God
—Italian

● New Cassette Recordings Available:
Exodus (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75)
—Italian

● If some congregations find it advisable to cancel the Congregation Book Study for their convention week, half the assigned material may be considered during the study for the previous week and half with the study following the convention.

● The Vietnamese-language sessions previously scheduled for the Montreal, Quebec, convention, July 24-27, 1986, will not be held.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	293	131.2	95.2	57.1	5.7
Pios.	45,377	86.6	48.2	32.4	3.3
Aux. Pios.	62,558	59.7	34.1	17.6	1.4
Pubs.	615,653	10.1	7.6	3.9	0.4
TOTAL	723,881				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,752

Our March report is outstanding. We all rejoice in the new peak of 723,881 publishers. For this service year, we had our sixth peak in regular pioneers. The 62,558 auxiliary pioneers is the highest for any month of March thus far, surpassing the fine number reporting in March 1985 by 17,227. There was also a new peak in return visits. And, for the first time, we passed the half-million mark in home Bible studies, the actual number being 513,179, a new peak. What a tremendous witness to Jehovah's praise! In thankfulness to Jehovah, our desire is to praise him more fully.—Ps. 100:1-5.

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Meetings for Field Service

JUNE 30–JULY 6
When offering the *Live Forever* book

1. What specific talking points and illustrations will you use?
2. How will you pave the way for a return visit?

JULY 7-13
When at the door

1. In what ways can your companion share?
2. How can young ones participate?

JULY 14-20
What can be done

1. When weather conditions are not favorable?
2. When few turn out for service?
3. If few people are at home?

JULY 21-27
In working rural territory, how may

1. It be worked most effectively?
2. Those waiting in car use time wisely?
3. Consideration be shown for those waiting in car?

JULY 28–AUGUST 3
How can the *Reasoning* book help

1. When your introduction is not arousing interest?
2. When making return visits?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Where Can You Find True Peace?
Ps. 146:3—Men cannot bring lasting peace.
Rom. 16:20—Jehovah is the source of true peace.

ABUNDANCE OF FINE WORKS PRODUCED IN APRIL
Includes New Peak of 725,799 Publishers
Over 1,000,000 Bound Books Placed

The April report brings joy to our hearts! What a privilege to share zealously in so many fine works! (Titus 2:14) We give thanks and praise to Jehovah for prospering our efforts. The extent of the marvelous witness given is reflected in the report below:

Total Publishers: 725,799. This surpasses our March peak by 1,918.

Total Auxiliary and Regular Pioneers: The total number of auxiliary pioneers was 96,084, which was commendable. While this is not a new peak, when this figure is added to the new peak of 45,786 regular pioneers, the combined total is 5,182 over the total of auxiliary and regular pioneers in April 1985.

Total Hours: 15,413,888. This is 977,814 over our peak in April a year ago.

Return Visits: 5,085,665. Exceeds our previous peak in March by 106,943.

Home Bible Studies: 524,548. This is more than 11,000 over our peak last March.

The sum total of our activity for April, when added to what is being done worldwide, represents a fine spirit of godly devotion and self-sacrifice. It emphasizes, as Jesus foretold, that his followers would do 'greater works' in giving a Kingdom witness. (John 14:12) May we all keep on sharing joyfully in such "works" to God's glory.

Eagerly Share the Good News

1 How favored we are to have received the good news of the Kingdom! No longer do we put our trust in men who cannot fulfill their promises. Our confidence is in Jehovah and in the assured hope of everlasting life under his Kingdom government. (Ps. 146:3; Titus 1:2) All mankind need to hear the good news of Jehovah's Kingdom, and we are eager to share it with them!

2 Jesus instructed his followers to be his witnesses "to the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) We hear that command today and are glad to obey, for he is the King of the Kingdom and to him we joyfully subject ourselves.—Matt. 28:19.

SUMMER ACTIVITY

3 The summer months open up for many of us greater opportunities to share the good news. While we are on vacation or when traveling to conventions, we may find numerous occasions to give a witness. When we stop for fuel, eat at a restaurant, ride public transportation, or stay somewhere overnight, there will be people whom we may be able to engage in conversation. We can tell them about our convention or the peace God's Kingdom will bring, and we may be able to leave tracts or magazines with them.

4 In planning your summer activities, you may find it helpful to set goals for yourself and your family. One important goal would be to attend all four days of the "Divine Peace" District Convention and fully benefit from the rich spiritual program. Joining with our brothers

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Will You Join the Pioneer Ranks Soon?

1 About this time last year, thousands of our brothers and sisters were giving prayerful consideration to entering the regular pioneer work. Careful planning helped many to start serving Jehovah in this special way, thus swelling the regular pioneer ranks from 37,220 in August of 1985 to 42,209 in September, an increase of almost 5,000. Are you among those who are giving thought to entering the regular pioneer ranks during the 1987 service year?

APPRAISING YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

2 Perhaps the exciting reports of recent theocratic expansion have awakened in you a desire to have a greater share in the harvest work now under way. (Matt. 9:37, 38; Isa. 60:22) Fine! However, to become a reality, your desire must be coupled with careful planning and complete reliance on Jehovah. (Rom. 12:1; Luke 14:28) Could your employment be adjusted to make room for the pioneer service? Can you simplify your life-style to make more time and energy available for Jehovah's work? (Luke 11:34) Some families have been able to sponsor one or more of their members in the pioneer work.

INCREASING YOUR FAITH AND ZEAL

3 Entering and remaining in the regular pioneer work require strong faith. If you want to make your faith grow, plan to spend additional time in the preaching work and experience Jehovah's help. (2 Thess. 1:3) For many, auxiliary pioneering has proved to be a stepping-stone toward the regular pioneer work. Perhaps it can be the same for you.

4 Those considering the pioneer work would also do well to speak

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JUNE 29

Song 43

13 min: Local announcements. Demonstrate following alternate Topic for Conversation. Theme: Living on Earth Forever—Is It Possible? Use Titus 1:2 to point out that we have a sure promise of everlasting life. Then, Proverbs 2:20, 21 can be read to show that everlasting life is to be enjoyed on earth by righteous ones. Appropriate portions of the *Live Forever* book can be used to illustrate these points. This optional topic will allow for greater variety, especially where territory is worked frequently. Encourage all to share in field service on first Sunday of July. Review arrangements for witnessing on July 4.

15 min: "Eagerly Share the Good News." Question-and-answer discussion.

17 min: *Reasoning From the Scriptures*. Discussion between elder and young brother who finds himself attracted to the world. Elder uses material in *Reasoning* book, pages 389-93, "Spirit of the World." Elder defines spirit of the world and explains why being tainted by it is cause for concern. (1 John 5:19; Rev. 12:9) Elder draws brother into discussion and reasons along following points: Damage to our spirituality if spirit of world influences our thinking and desires. World's spirit based on pride and rebellion against Jehovah. What must be done to break free from spirit of world. Need to avoid Eve's self-willed course and resist tendency to rebel against authority. Ways in which spirit of world manifests itself in conduct of people today. Pitfalls of materialism; its relationship to spirit of world. How improper speech and actions contribute to wrong spirit. Contrast Bible makes between spiritual and physical man. Do not idolize humans. Elder concludes with experience showing we really do not miss out on anything if we do not get involved in worldly activities. In African land, at age of nine, young girl had to leave land where work was banned and move with family to another country where she spent 14 years in a refugee camp. All her teen years devoted to peaceful life revolving around Bible study and meetings. Now she is in full-time service. Although she did not have access to world and its entertainment, did not miss anything! Young brother expresses appreciation for discussion.

Song 80 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 6

Song 69

10 min: Local announcements, selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry,* and April service report. Encourage all to share in magazine activity this Saturday. Demonstrate two 60-second magazine presentations as time permits. Feature current *Watchtower* in one and current *Awake!* in other.

20 min: "Will You Join the Pioneer Ranks Soon?" Discuss material with audience. Draw experiences from those who are or have been pioneers on how pioneering has enriched their lives and allowed them to help others. Encourage those who can to join pioneer ranks.

15 min: Arrange locally according to needs of congregation or present instructive talk based on article "How to Make Your Bible Reading Fruitful," pages 5-7 of June 15, 1985, *Watchtower*.

Song 167 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 13

Song 100

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

20 min: "Not Neglecting the House of Our God." Questions and answers. Outline specifically what can be done locally to improve care of Kingdom Hall and its grounds.

15 min: Two elders discuss continuing need for parents and children to be concerned about conduct at Kingdom Hall and at assemblies. Discuss local situation, which may include children running in aisles after meetings, loud talking outside hall that may disturb neighbors, and danger of children running around in parking lot at night. Commend those who have worked to control children. End on positive, encouraging note of wanting to do all things as pleasing to Jehovah.

Song 164 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 20

Song 68

15 min: Local announcements. Encourage magazine activity on fourth Saturday. Discuss talking points from current issues that could be used in field service this week. Remind all to bring brochures for August offer to Service Meeting next week.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Empathy." Questions and answers.

15 min: Keep a Positive Attitude. Encouraging talk based on article beginning on page 28 of June 1, 1986, *Watchtower*.

Song 147 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 27

Song 177

10 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News.

20 min: Using *Reasoning* Book to Encourage One Another. Talk and demonstrations based on pages 117-21. Barnabas was known as a warmhearted and generous person. He willingly gave of himself to help his brothers. His visit to Antioch was a stimulus to the new disciples. His warm words and thoughts moved the new disciples "to continue in the Lord with *hearty purpose.*" (Acts 11:23) Giving encouragement effectively brings results. The recipient benefits by receiving courage, hope, and confidence to face a difficult situation.

We all need encouragement and to be encouraging to one another. What can we *say and do* to help each other face problems and continue serving Jehovah with "hearty purpose"? DEMONSTRATIONS: (1) Publisher visits older publisher. Older publisher is unable to attend meetings regularly because of illness and is down in spirit. Publisher shares thoughts of appreciation for older publisher's many years of faithful service and perhaps relates a good experience publisher had with older one in field service. Conversation lends itself to 2 Corinthians 4:13, 16 and related material in *Reasoning* book. (2) Two brothers having a chat after meeting. Conversation turns to day's activities and secular work. Brother relates how his job is in jeopardy because company might fail. They live in economically depressed area, and brother is already having a hard time making ends meet. Other brother sympathizes with brother's feelings; he, too, is having a hard time. Finds peace of mind in what Scriptures have to say. *Reasoning* book under "Economic Problems," page 120. Discussion based on Matthew 6:33 and Romans 8:35, 38, 39.

15 min: Literature offer for August. Discuss talking points from brochures that can effectively be used by younger and newer publishers as well as those more experienced.

Song 52 and concluding prayer.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **July:** *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for contribution of $2.50. Small-size books are $1.25. **August**: One of the following brochures for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!, The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise.* **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. **October**: Subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower,* or both, for a contribution of $4.00 for each one-year subscription.
- New Publications Available:
  - Bible (congregation, public, and pioneers: $12.00) —Thai
  - *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* (Small size) —Chinese
  - *Reasoning From the Scriptures* —Finnish, Portuguese, Swedish
  - *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* —Afrikaans, Chinese, English, French, Sepedi, Sesotho, Spanish, Tsonga, Xhosa, Zulu
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Hiligaynon, Maltese
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Mauritian Creole, Serer, Wolof
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Genesis* (set of five; congregation and public: $7.50; pioneers: $6.25) —Japanese
  - *The First of Chronicles* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Japanese
  - *The Second of Chronicles* (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —Japanese
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* (set of four cassettes in album; congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00) —German

Pioneer Ranks *(Cont'd)*

with the elders about their plans. (Prov. 15:22) They can offer practical and helpful suggestions.

YOUTHS—PLAN WISELY FOR THE FUTURE!

5 Many of you younger brothers and sisters have recently finished your required schooling or now have a reduced schedule during your final years of high school. No doubt you are giving much serious thought to your future. As you make such plans, be sure to 'remember your Grand Creator' and consider His timely counsel. Take seriously what he has in store for the earth and obedient mankind. (Eccl. 12:1) Entering the pioneer work during the new service year could safeguard you from settling into less worthy pursuits that may sidetrack you from your real purpose in life. (Prov. 10:22) As you "taste and see that Jehovah is good," may the joy and satisfaction you experience in full-time service motivate you to make it a lifelong career.—Ps. 34:8.

6 Our appreciation for Jehovah should move us to do all we can in his service. For those whose circumstances permit, this may mean entering the pioneer ranks. But circumstances of others may not allow for it at this time. However, we can all keep the matter before Jehovah in prayer, thus giving evidence of having the pioneer spirit. Some currently serving as regular pioneers felt at one time they could not pioneer. However, circumstances can change or be changed if we couple our desire with careful planning and sincere prayer for Jehovah's blessing on our efforts to serve him to the fullest extent possible. (Prov. 16:3; Mal. 3:10) May we all work toward that end and wisely plan for the future.

Not Neglecting the House of Our God

1 "Guard your feet whenever you go to the house of the true God; and let there be a drawing near to hear." (Eccl. 5:1) Yes, Jehovah's place of worship is special to us, and so our care for the Kingdom Hall as well as our conduct while there should show that we recognize it as a place to be "taught by Jehovah." (Isa. 54:13) Do you have such appreciation for your Kingdom Hall?

2 As Kingdom expansion continues, many have shown appreciation by contributing to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. Jehovah blesses such thoughtful generosity and devotion to true worship. But what are we doing to help maintain our place of worship in good condition?

CONDUCT IMPORTANT

3 When we invite others to attend meetings, we should do so with confidence that what they observe there will represent well Jehovah's name and Kingdom. As the true God, his "dignity is above earth and heaven," and our conduct when at the Kingdom Hall should uphold this dignity. (Ps. 148:13) Never would we want our dress, grooming, or conduct to disturb our brothers and sisters or stumble someone who may be visiting.

4 Each one should exercise neighbor love and be careful not to cause distractions. Whispering, eating, chewing and snapping gum, rattling candy wrappers, making unnecessary trips to the rest room, and habitually arriving late all interfere with others' concentration and detract from the dignity due Jehovah's place of worship. "Love . . . does not behave indecently," and such poor manners are out of place in the Kingdom Hall. (1 Cor. 13:4, 5; Gal. 6:10) Worldly meeting places are often unsightly and even damaged when people carelessly dispose of chewing gum, candy, and food. All of us, and especially parents of young children, should take care that we do not spoil Jehovah's building in this way.—Compare Deuteronomy 23:14.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLEANING

5 The body of elders (and the Kingdom Hall Operating Committee, if more than one congregation uses the hall) schedules regular cleaning and maintenance of the building. Cleaning is usually done on a weekly basis by book study groups, following a checklist of necessary things to be done. All will want to be sure to follow carefully the schedule provided so that the care of the hall can be carried out "decently and by arrangement." (1 Cor. 14:40) Additionally, an occasional special day for thorough cleaning may be scheduled.

6 When the Kingdom Hall is used by more than one congregation, it is especially important to be conscious of our responsibility in maintaining the hall. In such cases, the building is subject to much more wear and tear, but our cleaning assignment comes less frequently. We should mark our calendar to remind ourselves about cleaning assignments. Book study conductors and their assistants should be alert to remind their groups well in advance of each assignment.—See *Our Ministry,* page 61, paragraph 3.

DOING OUR PART

7 All of us will want to support our group when it is assigned to clean the Kingdom Hall. This assures that the burden does not fall on just a few, and we benefit from the wholesome activity and good association. But we do not have to wait for an assigned turn to clean. As individuals and as families, we can help tidy up the hall after meetings. If we see paper on the floor, we can pick it up; if chairs are not aligned, we can help straighten them. How satisfying it is to see Jehovah's place of worship sparkle as a result of our efforts!

8 Nehemiah recognized the importance of 'not neglecting the house of our God.' (Neh. 10:39; 13:11) We recognize that our Kingdom Hall is the center of true worship in our community and as such deserves our loving attention and care. By our conduct and by supporting arrangements for cleaning, may all of us uphold the dignity of Jehovah's place of worship.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Empathy

1 'Lovers of themselves, self-assuming, haughty, and puffed up with pride.' (2 Tim. 3:1-5) How aptly the Bible describes the generation in which we live! The materialistic way of life and the me-first philosophy of today have caused men to isolate themselves and to be unconcerned with their neighbor's welfare. Empathy, the ability to put oneself in the other person's place, is not frequently observed among people in the world.

2 Showing empathy is a necessity if we are to be successful in our ministry. This is not always easy. We, too, are confronted with problems and anxieties that can hinder us from thinking of others. What can we do to make sure we do not become lax in this regard?

CULTIVATING EMPATHY

3 We should consider the needs of our neighbors. By doing so we will be imitating our heavenly Father. Jehovah loves people and appreciates their needs. He likes to see his creatures happy. Hence, he was moved with pity and compassion to provide mankind with a ransom, saving them from their sinful state. —John 3:16.

4 The world of mankind is in dire need of God's Kingdom. It alone can provide a lasting solution to the problems that plague us. Learning about this Kingdom has helped us to cope with our problems and has set us free from Babylonish religion. By putting ourselves in the place of the householders, we will be moved with pity and compassion to share with them the truth from God's Word, enabling them to experience the joy we have come to know. —John 8:32, 36.

5 Jesus carried out his ministry with love and heartfelt feelings for mankind. He showed deep concern for people, and those that listened to him knew that he cared for them and sympathized with their situation. (Luke 5:12, 13; Mark 6:32-34) Our personal love for neighbor will also become evident if we cultivate and demonstrate empathy just as Jesus Christ did.

HOW DEMONSTRATED

6 How can we demonstrate that concern in our ministry? We need to be discerning, take note of the householder's circumstances and comments, and put ourselves in his place. Ask yourself: If I were in his place, what words would console or interest me? Then proceed according to what you discern to be of interest to him. If you see that he is not in a position to converse, then shorten the discussion, perhaps offering the latest magazines or a tract and promising to call at a more convenient time. By discerning what concerns the householder and being empathetic, we are in a better position to share the Kingdom message in a heartfelt manner.

7 Experienced publishers especially need to demonstrate empathy when helping new ones in field service. Recalling our own initial hesitancy and feelings of nervousness when starting to go from door to door, or perhaps when giving our first talk, can help us to maintain the proper mental attitude. Reflecting on how others helped us will enable us to know what to do and say when giving counsel and instruction to new and inexperienced ones. By showing patience, love, and a genuine willingness to assist, we will be able to help them make spiritual progress.

8 Showing empathy for those in the field and to our brothers and sisters reflects the Christian personality. Let us always look for opportunities to demonstrate it, following the example of Jehovah God and of his Son, Christ Jesus.—Eph. 5:1, 2.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Brazil reported their fifth consecutive peak in publishers, 181,731, and their 31st consecutive peak for regular pioneers with 7,326 in February.**

◆ **Chile reached a new peak of publishers for February with 27,374. This is a 10.9-percent increase over last year's average. During the month, 11.8 percent of all publishers shared in some form of pioneer service.**

◆ **Germany had a successful subscription campaign, obtaining 5,780. This represents a 23-percent increase over last February's campaign.**

◆ **Jamaica had a new peak of 7,892 publishers in February and a new peak of 8,215 studies.**

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	294	130.8	88.3	55.6	5.8
Pios.	45,786	87.1	45.4	31.5	3.3
Aux. Pios.	96,084	58.9	31.7	16.0	1.3
Pubs.	583,635	9.8	7.0	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	725,799				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,714

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *United in Worship of the Only True God:*

July 6: Pages 173, par. 9 to 177, par. 3
July 13: Pages 177, par. 4 to 183, par. 14
July 20: Pages 184, par. 1 to 187, par. 9
July 27: Pages 188, par. 10 to 191, par. 17

Beginning the week of August 3, we will use the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?*

Share Good News (*Cont'd*)

in such united worship is a joyous privilege. (Ps. 95:6; 100:2) Auxiliary pioneering is another excellent goal for the summer. Why not spend school vacation time during July and August as an auxiliary pioneer? Invite others to do the same, and work together in sharing the good news.

5 Your congregation may have as a summer goal a more complete coverage of territory, and you can support that too. It may be possible to assist a nearby congregation in working territory that has not been covered for some time. How about not-at-homes in your own congregation territory? If certain residents are consistently not at home, are not such homes like unworked territory? With more daylight hours, try making late afternoon or early evening calls. Those not home on Sundays may be found during the week or on Saturdays. We want to search out all interested people and tell them of the Kingdom hope, do we not?

6 If we are to reach the hearts of people as we tell them the good news, we will want to improve the effectiveness of our ministry. The July offer of the *Live Forever* book is not new to us, but can we enhance our ability to present it to people? Carry the *Reasoning* book, and try using various presentations from it. If objections are raised, use it to find an answer. Or, between calls, check to see what you might say in order to be even more effective at the next door.

7 Because we are favored with the Kingdom good news, we have the privilege of sharing it with others. May we all be confident of Jehovah's blessings and increased happiness as we do our utmost to help others learn the truth during July.—Acts 20:35.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 4-10

Topic for Conversation

1. Review scriptures and demonstrate.
2. How do you tie in with offer?

AUGUST 11-17

Offering the brochures

1. How do you determine which brochure to offer?
2. What introductions have you found helpful?

AUGUST 18-24

Starting Bible studies

1. What brochures have you used and why?
2. What methods have you used?
3. When should you switch to *Live Forever* book?

AUGUST 25-31

Helping young publishers

1. How can parents prepare them for service?
2. What can mature publishers do to help?
3. How can youths help each other?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Lasting Happiness Only by Jehovah's Government.
Eccl. 8:9—Man's rule burdensome.
Mic. 4:3, 4—Jehovah's government brings blessings.

Everyone Can Have a Share

1 The apostle John heard 24 elders in the heavens praise God, saying: "You are worthy, Jehovah, . . . to receive the glory and the honor and the power." (Rev. 4:11) All of Jehovah's servants today can extol God with similar words of praise. (Ps. 148:1, 12, 13) We can do this during August by using the new Topic for Conversation and offering one of the suggested brochures.

2 The literature offer for August allows us to be versatile in adapting our presentation to the needs of the householder. We will be offering *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!, The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever,* or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*. Prepare to offer whichever brochure seems to be most appropriate for the territory as well as the person that you meet at the door.

THE *GOVERNMENT* BROCHURE

3 After introducing yourself, you might say: "Mankind has suffered much throughout history. What do you think is the reason for this? [Allow for a response.] The Bible explains that man is incapable of governing himself well. [Read Ecclesiastes 8:9.] This scripture shows that it is impossible for humans to establish a government that will really bring lasting happiness. Only God can do that. Notice what the Bible says God's government will accomplish." [Read Micah 4:3, 4.] Conclude by saying: "To help you understand how God's government will bring paradise, you may have this brochure for the contribution of 30¢. Notice what it says here on page 3." Read paragraph.

THE *LIFE ON EARTH* BROCHURE

4 Are you a young praiser of Jehovah or someone who is just getting started in field service? The following presentation may help you to have a share in placing brochures during August. After giving your name, you could say: "I would like to leave with you a brochure that shows how a heavenly king will bring lasting happiness to mankind. Notice what is stated above picture number 49. [Read comments.] You will find it interesting to examine the pictures and read the scriptures that are cited in this brochure. It is yours for the contribution of 30¢."

THE *DIVINE NAME* BROCHURE

5 A fine way to praise God is by exalting his name Jehovah. After giving your name, you may say: "I have been talking with your neighbors about the importance of knowing the name of the true God. Have you noticed that not many people use God's name or know what it stands for? [Allow for a reply.] The Bible says at Psalm 83:18 that God's name is Jehovah. His name means that he fulfills his promises. One of

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The Circuit Overseer's Visit—A Provision for Spiritual Progress

1 "We have just had the refreshing visit of our traveling overseer . . . and our expressions of gratitude need to be forwarded to you for assigning such a fine servant of Jehovah to our area." The Society quite often receives such comments of appreciation for traveling overseers. Timely visits from experienced older men help us to make spiritual advancement.

2 In the first century, traveling elders accomplished much in building up the congregations. They gave needed counsel. (1 Thess. 2:1, 10-12) They brought direction from the governing body. (Acts 16:4, 5) They related experiences from other parts of the field, showing how the good news was reaching others. (Acts 14:27, 28) What stimulating occasions such visits must have been!

3 Regular visits by traveling overseers today also stimulate spiritual growth. However, in order to derive the fullest benefit possible, we individually need to have the proper mental attitude and give full support to the activities organized during each visit. How can this be done?

PROPER MENTAL ATTITUDE AND PREPARATION

4 First, we should 'brace up our minds for activity.' (1 Pet. 1:13) To do this, we need to have the right point of view of the visit and make specific plans to have an enlarged share in the ministry. Can you auxiliary pioneer during the month of the circuit overseer's visit? Could you adjust your daily routine so as to work in the field service during the week? Could you schedule return visits or a Bible study for a weekday afternoon? The circuit overseer would be pleased to

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 3

Song 139

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Encourage all to share in magazine witnessing on second Saturday of August. Suggest appropriate presentations for current magazines.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "Is the Bible Relevant for Me?" in May 22, 1986, *Awake!*

20 min: "Everyone Can Have a Share." Talk and demonstrations. After a brief introduction based on paragraphs 1 and 2, present three well-rehearsed demonstrations of presentations discussed in paragraphs 3-5. Encourage young publishers in the congregation to learn presentation. As time permits, get comments from publishers about brochure offer and how they did in the field service on first Sunday of the month. Remind publishers that brochure placements are to be counted as booklets.

Song 166 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 10

Song 222

8 min: Local announcements, accounts report, and Theocratic News.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using the Brochures to Start Studies." Question-and-answer discussion with all paragraphs being read. Have well-prepared publishers demonstrate suggestions in paragraphs 3-5. Get comments from any who have started studies in brochures. Highlight point of using brochure as stepping-stone to a study in *Live Forever* book.

20 min: "Continued Increase Calls for Simplification of Procedures." After brief introduction using material in paragraphs 1 and 2 of insert, conduct question-and-answer discussion of paragraphs 3-11, with qualified brother reading paragraphs.

Song 165 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 17

Song 205

7 min: Local announcements and "Progressively Walk in Jehovah's Way." Mention field service arrangements for the week. Make brief suggestions for presenting magazines on fourth Saturday of August.

18 min: "A Career With Everlasting Rewards." Question-and-answer discussion of article. After paragraph 4, interview one or two pioneers about joys experienced in pioneering and why they are pursuing this career.

20 min: "Continued Increase Calls for Simplification of Procedures." Talk, or preferably secretary and service overseer discuss paragraphs 12-28 of insert. Make encouraging local application of information.

Song 204 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 24

Song 26

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "The Circuit Overseer's Visit—A Provision for Spiritual Progress." Question-and-answer coverage. Read selected scriptures as time allows. Draw out brief personal comments on how the friends have benefited from visits by the traveling overseers.

10 min: Experiences using *Reasoning* book. Select several publishers in advance to relate good results they have had in using the *Reasoning* book.

15 min: Talk by elder based on *School* brochure, pages 3, 30, and 31. Help parents appreciate the need to prepare their children for challenges they will encounter in school. Show how important it is for parents to become acquainted with their children's teachers. New teachers should receive a copy of *School* brochure. Select points from the *School* brochure that may have local application. On matter of flag salute and national anthems, see *Reasoning* book, pages 274-5. Explain how to bring specific matters to the attention of teachers in a kindly and tactful manner.

Song 129 and concluding prayer.

Have a Share (*Cont'd*)

the wonderful promises he has made that will soon be fulfilled is found in Micah 4:3, 4." Read the text and comment briefly. Then, continue by opening the brochure to page 31 and say: "Notice these comments concerning the value of knowing God's name. [Read paragraph 1.] The information in this brochure is very enlightening. You may have this copy for a contribution of 30¢."

6 Householders have different interests or needs. Some are religious and still read the Bible. Others like to talk about politics and government. Those limited in their reading ability would likely appreciate a simplified text with illustrations. Hence, when we talk to a person we need to discern what his interest is and offer him the appropriate brochure. May we all have a share in praising Jehovah during August by offering the brochures as we preach the good news of the Kingdom.

Circuit Overseer (*Cont'd*)

accompany you and even to conduct your study if that is your desire.

5 The information presented in the meetings during the circuit overseer's visit can also add to your spiritual growth. Listen carefully to his talks and be prepared to participate in the special program "Continue in the Things That You Learned." You may want to take notes of interesting Scriptural points or of counsel given. The pioneer meeting can help regular pioneers and those currently serving as auxiliary pioneers to improve the quality of their ministry. Meetings with the elders and ministerial servants enable these spirit-appointed men to receive needed counsel and direction from God's organization. All of this serves to strengthen the congregation. —Acts 15:36, 41.

6 The circuit overseer's visit offers fine encouragement to help Bible students make further progress. His visit may help them to appreciate the importance of attending all congregation meetings. Be sure to explain to them the role and work of the circuit overseer. If the student has progressed to the point of qualifying as an approved associate, invite him to share in the ministry during the week. Cultivate heartfelt appreciation for this timely provision through Jehovah's visible organization.

7 Traveling overseers serving the 378 circuits and 38 districts in this country have many years of experience in the truth and in the full-time ministry. These brothers and their wives give of themselves wholeheartedly. Every six months or so, it is a privilege to share in a week of spiritually stimulating Kingdom activity with them. It would be wise on our part to take full advantage of the circuit overseer's visit and receive whatever spiritual gift he may impart. (Rom. 1:11, 12) Plan now to benefit from this provision for your spiritual progress.

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Continued Increase Calls for Simplification of Procedures

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[1] The opening words of Isaiah chapter 54 call upon Jehovah's wifelike organization to prepare for joyous increases. Growth, expansion, and renewed strength are in the offing. Fulfillment of that exciting prophecy has resulted in the phenomenal expansion of true worship we now see as Jehovah speeds up the ingathering work. —Isa. 54:1-4; 60:22. New Cong.

[2] Can Jehovah's organized people keep pace with this present God-given increase? The results of Jehovah's blessing present a challenge that must be met, and we are happy to see that Jehovah has given his people the needed spirit of wisdom and understanding. (Col. 1:9, 10) We must agree that through the faithful "slave" class Jesus Christ has directed matters efficiently for the outworking of Jehovah's purpose in a marvelous way.—Matt. 24:45-47.

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SIMPLIFICATION NECESSARY

[3] A major factor in resolving problems arising from rapid growth has proved to be the simplification of procedures. Jehovah's visible organization has demonstrated an awareness of this important fact. During recent years we have seen numerous simplification measures taken regarding rooming and food service arrangements at conventions, literature orders and shipments, the obtaining of congregation supplies, Memorial invitations, handbills, and circuit assembly programs. Publishers, pioneers, congregations, elders and ministerial servants, traveling overseers, and the Society have all benefited greatly.

Purpose?

[4] It now appears to be the course of wisdom and good judgment to introduce additional simplified procedures. We are confident that these also will have Jehovah's blessing, since they will allow for handling further increases in praises to him.

WHAT GROWTH HAS MEANT

[5] During the past few years, we have seen outstanding increases in the number of congregations in the United States. There has been an even greater increase in the number of pioneers. In just the last four years 634 new congregations have been formed, and the number of regular pioneers has increased by more than 100 percent! Now there are well over 45,000 regular pioneers and more than 8,300 congregations reporting field service to the Society each month. How thrilling it is to observe that brothers and sisters everywhere are being motivated to increase their activity in the harvest and that thousands have been able to enter the pioneer service!—Matt. 6:33. what has

[6] In order to care for the volume of work this increase brings, further simplification is called for. A great deal of time is being used to enter nearly 55,000 congregation and individual regular pioneer reports in the Society's records each month. There has also been a corresponding increase in mail received from congregations and pioneers. Because of this increase in volume of mail, we have not always been able to respond to important correspondence as quickly as we would like, especially during certain busy times of the year. The need to simplify certain procedures so that our resources and time can be utilized to the best advantage has become quite evident.

SIMPLIFIED REPORTING ARRANGEMENT

[7] A simplified way for regular pioneer reports to be tabulated and sent to the Society will go into effect September 1, 1986. This, along with other adjusted organizational procedures, has already been explained to the elders. The information provided in this insert should help all to understand the simplified procedure affecting the way pioneers report their field service. By becoming thoroughly familiar with what is stated here, elders and pioneers may quickly recognize the advantages to themselves as well as to the Society, and all should be able to follow this procedure without difficulty when making the September field service reports. only

[8] The individual monthly Regular Pioneer Report form (S-200) will no longer be sent to the Society; therefore, supplies of these have not been mailed to the congregations for the 1987 service year. Starting with reports for the month of September 1986, all regular pioneers will use the Field Service Report form (S-4) when reporting their ministerial activity to the

congregation. The regular pioneer hour requirement is figured on a yearly basis. The congregation secretary will continue to record carefully the pioneer's field service report each month on a Congregation's Publisher Record ? card (S-21). This will ensure that the congregation will have the pioneer's correct total of hours, placements, and other activity at the end of the service year. When a pioneer fails to meet the goal of hours ? for the month, he should be sure to state the reason on the back of his S-4 report, just as he did previously on the S-200 Regular Pioneer Report form. The secretary will note this reason in the "Remarks" column of the Congregation's Publisher Record card. As pointed out later in this insert, provision will be made to inform the Society of the total hours for each pioneer at the end of the service year, and any reasons for failure to meet the hour requirement will be stated on that report.

[9] The congregation secretary should continue to mail the Congregation Report (S-1) ? to the Society each month, just as he has been doing. The report will show the total field service activity for publishers, auxiliary pioneers, and regular pioneers. This has not changed. One feature of the report that will be different is that on the back of the S-1 form ? there will be a place to advise the Society when a pioneer changes congregations or when there is a name change, such as when a single sister gets married. Previously, pioneers could inform the Society of a change in their congregation or name by noting this information on the back of their pioneer report. Now the secretary will be responsible ? for advising us of changes by indicating such on the back of the Congregation Report. Whenever a name change is reported, the pioneer's Watchtower Indentification and Assignment card (S-202) ? should be returned by the secretary, and the Society will issue the pioneer a new card showing the adjustment.

[10] At the end of the service year, the secretary will continue to send the Congregation Analysis Report (S-10) ? to the Society as in previous years. Beginning this September, the secretary will list on the back of the S-10 form the names of all who are active regular pioneers as of September 1 and give their total hours for the months they pioneered consecutively through the end of the service year.

[11] By now congregations should have a supply of the simplified Application for Regular Pioneer Service form (S-205). We request that *only* the revised application form be used. With each new pioneer appointment, we will send a blank application form so that the congregation will always have some on hand.

Song 165

MORE PERSONAL ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN

[12] The entire body of elders, and particularly the Congregation Service Committee, will want to take a personal interest in the pioneers. The following questions will help the elders to see where they can render assistance to the pioneers: Are they effective in most features of the ministry, or do they need training in the return-visit or Bible-study work? Are they reflecting the fruitage of the spirit, working together in peace and harmony? (Rom. 14:19) Do any need help in making a practical schedule? Are good study habits evident, and do the pioneers participate in the meetings? Elders, who are interested in doing all they can to help the pioneers, will be discerning as to pioneer needs and circumstances and will communicate with them regularly.

[13] The elders' loving interest in the welfare of the pioneers is deeply appreciated. In their letters to the Society, pioneers frequently include comments about how grateful they are for having a loving body of elders who have taken an active interest in them. At times, it has meant being able to remain in full-time service.

[14] Elders are expected to uphold the high standards set for pioneers, which include the hour requirement. At the same time, though, if a pioneer is experiencing *temporary* problems that result in his falling behind in meeting his hours, alert elders will be quick to give assistance rather than suggesting that the pioneer will be removed if he does not improve. They should not allow problems to go on for many months before giving assistance; otherwise, the pioneer may fall so far behind in his time that he becomes discouraged and wants to stop.

[15] Is the problem one that can be resolved in a few months? If so, how can the elders help? If it is a personal problem that the pioneer himself has to work out, the elders can bolster his spirits by giving encouragement and commendation along with practical counsel.

[16] Elders should exercise care not to involve themselves needlessly in personal or family matters if help is not requested. However, if a

problem is serious and it does not appear that the pioneer will be able to meet the hour requirement for many months, the elders may decide that it is best for the pioneer to go off the list until the problem has been solved.

[17] Rather than writing to the Society, pioneers should discuss with the elders any difficulties encountered. In most cases where further assistance is needed, it may be best for the elders to write. During the circuit overseer's visit, pioneers should feel free to approach him regarding matters that could affect their pioneer service. Following this procedure has a number of benefits. The elders know the individual personally. They are in a position to understand his personality and disposition —whether he is diligent or self-sparing, well-disciplined or somewhat disorganized. They are aware of his family circumstances, his health, secular work schedule, and other factors that affect his ability to pioneer. We believe that the elders are in a very good position to determine if someone should try to continue pioneering or whether it would be better for him to terminate his full-time service for the present.

[18] If, after talking with the pioneer, the elders determine that the problem is of a temporary nature and that he should be able to make up the time deficit before the end of the service year, matters need not be taken beyond the giving of encouragement and helpful suggestions. But if the pioneer has encountered an unusual situation beyond his control, causing him to get so far behind in his time that the deficit cannot be made up by the end of the service year, the elders should decide whether or not special consideration as described in paragraphs 18-20 of the February 1978 *Our Kingdom Service* insert should be extended to him. If they find that there is a basis for granting special consideration, they can make a notation on the Congregation's Publisher Record card and encourage the pioneer to work hard at reaching the hour requirements from that time forward without worrying about the deficit. Should the elders decide that the problem is not of short duration and that circumstances make it advisable for the person to discontinue pioneer service for the present time, they should inform the Society to this effect by submitting the appropriate form. Only in situations where the elders are uncertain as to the application of what is stated in that insert would there be a need for the Congregation Service Committee to write the Society for more information. They should be sure to provide full details of the problem, including a record of the pioneer's field service hours for the current service year.

[19] At the end of each service year, when listing the names of all regular pioneers and their total field service hours for the year on the back of the Congregation Analysis Report, the Congregation Service Committee should write a brief letter giving the reasons why any pioneers failed to meet the hour requirement for the year. Comment should be made on what the pioneer's prospects are for improvement during the new service year. No reply will be made to such comments unless the Society feels there is a need.

[20] We are also asking circuit overseers to give more attention to the needs of the pioneers. The circuit overseer's visit with the congregation is brief and may not permit him to spend a great deal of time with each pioneer. However, as a result of his checking the records, meeting with the pioneers, and working with them in field service, he will see where there is a need for help and encouragement. He should work in the field ministry with as many pioneers and publishers as his schedule will allow. Where there are many pioneers, he may be able to work with some during one visit and others on his next visit. He will inform the elders of any observations he may have on those needing assistance and suggest what they might do to help the pioneers improve.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR REGULAR PIONEER SERVICE?

[21] In order to qualify for the regular pioneer service, an individual must be *baptized* at least *six months* and be a *regular* publisher. He should be in a position to meet the yearly field service quota of 1,000 hours. It is also important that he have good morals and that he has shown himself to be exemplary as a Christian. (*om* pp. 113-14) What does this include? What qualities should the elders look for in a pioneer applicant?

[22] *Exemplary* conduct means being clean in body and spirit. A person approved for pioneer service must have a reputation for fine Christian conduct inside and outside the congregation. He is one who is wholehearted and fully devoted to Jehovah. The fruitage of God's spirit

must be evident in his life. A pioneer's chief interest should be the Kingdom-witnessing and disciple-making work. He should be able to use the Bible effectively at the doors, make return visits on those who show interest, and start and conduct home Bible studies. Pioneers are to cooperate fully with the body of elders in field service and meeting arrangements.

[23] A *full year* must have passed from the time a judicial reproof was given or since reinstatement following disfellowshipping before one could be considered for auxiliary or regular pioneer service. Furthermore, a person who is currently under any restrictions by a judicial committee would not qualify for such pioneer service privileges until all restrictions are removed.

[24] Are several months of auxiliary pioneering required before one can be recommended as a regular pioneer? No. However, keeping the schedule of a regular pioneer is usually easier if one has served as an auxiliary pioneer first. Elders will want to have a reasonable assurance that the one applying can consistently report 90 hours each month and be able to meet the requirement of 1,000 hours by the end of the service year. Requirements that have not been specified by the Society should not be imposed.

[25] When a member of the congregation fills out an Application for Regular Pioneer Service and presents it to the presiding overseer for approval, the Congregation Service Committee should give it *prompt* consideration. The application should not be delayed to wait for one of the elders on the committee who may be away for a week or two. Another elder can substitute for him in his absence. If the Congregation Service Committee approves the application, the body of elders should be informed before the application is mailed so they can consider any further observations other elders may have.

[26] The revised Application for Regular Pioneer Service form requires that the elders give the individual's *average* field service activity for the past six months. Elders should be reasonably sure that the applicant can meet the hour requirement on a regular basis. A publisher's six-month average may not give a true indication of what he can do on a long-range basis. If one or two months were considerably higher than the others because of an extraordinary effort put forth during those months, this should be considered. In other words, the elders should take an overall view of the prospective pioneer's field activity for six months. The person may have a high hour average, but if he is accomplishing little in the ministry, the elders may suggest he work on the aspects of his ministry that need improvement before being enrolled as a pioneer. If the elders cannot approve the application at the time they receive it, they should be sure to let him know that they are not sending in the application and explain the reasons why. The elders should explain what he needs to work on in order to qualify. If later the elders feel that they can approve the application and the original application is used, the requested starting date should be changed accordingly.

FORWARD WITH ZEAL!

[27] It was in 1962 that the adjustment was made to bring regular pioneers under the local congregation arrangement. Has that move been blessed by Jehovah? If our growing from a monthly worldwide average of 33,560 regular and "vacation" pioneers in 1962 to 322,821 regular and auxiliary pioneers during the 1985 service year is an indication, there is only one obvious conclusion to be drawn. Yes, Jehovah has richly blessed arrangements designed to help the pioneers and further Kingdom interests. Now we are confident that he will bless the further adjustments we have discussed in the preceding paragraphs. Jesus said: "Wisdom is proved righteous by its works." (Matt. 11:19) How true this has been with respect to the progressive simplification of organizational arrangements and procedures over the years to accommodate the rapidly increasing "great crowd" gathering to Jehovah's pure worship. —Rev. 7:9; Isa. 54:2.

[28] Zealous pioneers truly are a blessing to the congregations. They are a splendid part of the answer to our heartfelt prayers to "the Master of the harvest" for more workers in these last days when the harvest is great. (Matt. 9:37, 38; John 4:35, 36) May each one loyally do what is within his power to strengthen the hands of all who have adjusted their circumstances in order to serve in the pioneer ranks. (Prov. 3:27) What happiness this will continue to bring us as we unitedly glorify our heavenly Father by 'bearing much fruit and thus proving ourselves Christ's disciples'!—John 15:8.

Announcements

- Literature offer for **August**: One of the following 32-page brochures for a contribution of 30¢: *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!*, *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever*, or *The Government That Will Bring Paradise*. **September**: *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* for a contribution of $2.50. **October**: Subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*, or both, for a contribution of $4.00 for each one-year subscription. **November**: *New World Translation* and *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for a contribution of $4.50.

- Starting in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "Moving Ahead Worldwide Despite Persecution." This will be a slide presentation. The public talk to be given by district overseers in connection with the new series of circuit assemblies beginning in September will be "Acts of God—What Are They?"

- Secretaries should confirm the shipping addresses on congregation literature invoices to avoid returns. This includes congregations that are using one of the Society's literature distribution centers, as the Society may mail certain items to them. If your current shipping address is different from what appears on your literature invoices, notify the Society in writing immediately, using the S-36 form.

- During the week of September 1-6, 1986, the Society will be taking an inventory of all literature on hand in Brooklyn. Because of this inventory, no congregation literature orders will be processed for shipment or for pickup during that week.

- Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to us no later than September 6, 1986. Keep a carbon copy for your files. We are sending a third copy for use as a work sheet.

- 1987 Calendar of Jehovah's Witnesses: Publishers and pioneers, please order your calendars through your congregation. Congregations should begin collecting requests for these calendars now. Then on September 1, 1986, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society, using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). Calendars in other languages should be listed under "Other Language Publications," showing the quantity for each language separately as well as the year 1987. The calendars will be available in Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish.

  Calendars are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers, pioneers, and the public. Do not send the remittance with the order. (See the *Cost List*, pars. 22-24.) Until the calendars are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices.

- New Publications Available:

  The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Kosraean

  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Arabic

  Kingdom News No. 33 —Italian

A Career With Everlasting Rewards

¹ Paul exhorted Timothy: "Do the work of an evangelizer, fully accomplish your ministry." (2 Tim. 4:5) Regardless of how appealing other personal interests might have been, Timothy devoted his life to God's work. He slaved alongside Paul, showing that he was truly 'seeking the interests of Christ.' (Phil. 2:19-21) All genuine Christian ministers should have a similar spirit.

² Do you treasure the ministry? Could you make pioneering your career? (Matt. 6:33; 2 Cor. 4:1, 7) There would be the satisfying pleasure of knowing that every day you would have many opportunities to talk to others about Jehovah, helping them to know and love Him. (Ps. 96:1-4) What indescribable joy as we see people respond to Bible instruction! Some of these previously lived immoral, violent, or hopeless lives. Having put away former bad habits and having developed self-respect, they now serve Jehovah. Pioneering is a meaningful career and can produce lasting good. So, analyze your circumstances and, if possible, set a specific date as your goal for entering the full-time service. Work toward it. Pray for Jehovah's help to attain it. (Eph. 6:18) The rewards are great!

A REWARDING WAY OF LIFE

³ Pioneering with a proper motive and the desire to make spiritual progress will help you to develop a more spiritual outlook on life. It can help you to achieve balance, to budget your time wisely, to handle finances, and to be content with life's necessities. (1 Tim. 6:6) Pioneering may involve sacrifices. Are you willing to make personal sacrifices because of your love for Jehovah? If so, you will learn to become more dependent on Jehovah and less dependent on yourself. This will prove to be a protection from harmful worldly ambitions, desires, and associations. The benefits of pioneering can be everlasting.—Mal. 3:10.

ENCOURAGE PIONEERING

⁴ Today, many Christians are happy that their parents have displayed the pioneer spirit. As one missionary relates: "During my entire childhood my mother was very zealous in the ministry. I think that it was not so much what she said but what she did, her good example, that influenced me very much to have a desire to spend my life in the full-time service to Jehovah." A sister in the full-time service says: "My mother's nonmaterialistic attitude and clear view of the truth helped me to avoid getting involved in a secular career." A young minister said of his parents: "They always set before me the joys and privileges of pioneering, and the blessings that Jehovah pours out on pioneers. . . . This is something that all parents should do because it certainly helped me. They can encourage the young to serve Jehovah whole-souled." Jehovah surely remembers and rewards the unselfishness of such loving parents.

⁵ We are living in the time of the end when "this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations." (Matt. 24:14) Jesus told his followers: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Therefore, beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37, 38) The need for workers is even greater now than it was in Jesus' day. Hence, the pioneers have a large share in extending to others the invitation: "O magnify Jehovah with me, you people, and let us exalt his name together." (Ps. 34:3) Truly there is nothing that can match the contentment and satisfaction that come with using one's life in the full-time service of our Grand Creator. —Prov. 10:22.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	287	130.6	90.0	55.1	5.5
Pios.	44,998	82.8	42.6	29.7	3.2
Aux. Pios.	46,432	59.4	30.3	16.9	1.5
Pubs.	615,935	9.8	6.9	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	707,652				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,875

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1986	1985	Difference
Total Attendance	1,691,297	1,657,753	+33,544
Number of Partakers	3,801	3,899	−98

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using the Brochures to Start Studies

[1] More than 28 million copies of *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* have been published in 129 languages. Millions of copies of *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* and *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever* have also been printed in many languages. During the month of August, our objective is to place these brochures and to start home Bible studies.

[2] How can a brochure be used to start a Bible study, since there are no printed questions at the bottom of the pages? This can be done by merely reading the brochure with the householder, looking up the scriptures, and discussing the information. However, to do this successfully, we must be familiar with the material in the brochure and be alert to see that the main points in each paragraph are understood by the householder. The following paragraphs set forth suggestions on how discussions can be started in each of the brochures.

[3] *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!:* This brochure is easy to understand and has special appeal for younger ones as well as people with limited reading ability. The Scriptural points and pictures are numbered for easy reference. To start a study, ask the householder to open his copy of the brochure to Numbers 4 and 5. Ask him to describe what he sees in the picture. Help him to appreciate how it depicts the perfect start that God gave to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Ask him if the earth is a paradise today and allow for his reply. After commenting briefly on the bad conditions in the earth today, turn to Number 49 and explain how Paradise will be restored to earth and how wickedness will be eliminated. Consider with the householder the written comments, the scriptures, and the picture. Then turn to Numbers 1 and 2 and ask the householder who alone can make the earth a paradise. Allow for his comment. Obviously, it would be the same one who made a paradise in the beginning—God. Make arrangements to continue the discussion at a later time.

[4] *The Government That Will Bring Paradise:* When placing this brochure, it is suggested that the paragraph on page 3 be considered. A direct approach would be to suggest reading the material on the following pages together in order to see why we need God's Kingdom so much. Each paragraph could be read and discussed and the scriptures looked up and analyzed. The longer scripture citations may be summarized and the householder could be encouraged to read them as he has time. Help the householder to appreciate the pictures and understand how they tie in with the paragraphs under consideration.

[5] *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever:* Ask the householder to open his copy of the brochure to page 6. Read the heading "God's Name—Its Meaning and Pronunciation." Then ask how he thinks we could find out what God's name is. Allow for a reply. Then tell him that this portion of the brochure answers the question. Invite the householder to read the first paragraph with you, discuss it, and consider the cited scriptures. Emphasize the point that unless the Creator himself told us, there would be no way that we could know his name. Continue reading and discussing the paragraphs and scriptures.

[6] These colorful and informative brochures can serve as steppingstones to a regular home Bible study in the *Live Forever* book. A discussion in one of the brochures can help you to determine if the householder is genuinely interested in the truth. Any portion of a brochure that gets the householder's attention may be considered and it is not necessary to study an entire brochure before going into one of the study books. May we all make good use of the brochures as we help sheeplike ones acquire an accurate knowledge of the truth. —John 17:3.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?*

August 3:	Pages 5 to 13
August 10:	Pages 14 to 21
August 17:	Pages 22 to 28*
August 24:	Pages 28* to 35
August 31:	Pages 36 to 42

*To or from subheading.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Barbados had a new peak of 1,548 publishers in March. Circuit assemblies were attended by 2,719, and 30 were baptized.

◆ Cyprus had a new peak of 1,099 publishers in March.

◆ Liberia reported a new peak of 1,330 publishers for March and a new peak of 2,458 Bible studies. The publishers averaged 15.8 hours.

◆ New Zealand reported a new peak of 9,445 publishers, as well as peaks in hours, return visits, and studies in March.

◆ Papua New Guinea had peaks of 1,776 publishers and 2,170 studies in March.

◆ Solomon Islands had a peak of 652 publishers in March.

◆ Sri Lanka had new peaks of 933 publishers and 1,181 studies in March. A peak in hours was also reported.

◆ Swaziland reported a new peak of 878 publishers for March. It is encouraging to note the publishers averaged 17.8 hours in field service.

◆ Trinidad had new peaks in March of 4,419 publishers and 6,057 studies.

Progressively Walk in Jehovah's Way

This theme will be emphasized in the new circuit assembly program beginning in September. Jehovah's organization is moving forward. The preaching of the good news continues to expand. Each year, thousands of new ones have progressed and joined our ranks. But to what extent are we making progress individually? The assembly program will stimulate constructive self-examination, giving timely encouragement and admonition based on Paul's words at Philippians 3:16: "To what extent we have made progress, let us go on walking orderly in this same routine."

Circuit assemblies play a major role in helping us to walk orderly in the truth. We need guidance that will help us act decisively in turning away from death-dealing worldly ways. We need practical, straightforward counsel that will show us how to make progress by walking in Jehovah's ways. We also need loving encouragement that will strengthen and motivate us. The new program goes a long way in filling these needs.

As soon as the dates for your circuit assembly are announced, be sure to make definite plans to be there for all the sessions. Encourage others, especially the newly interested ones, to be there with you and benefit fully from this spiritually refreshing provision.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 1-7

How will you offer the *Creation* book to

1. Students?
2. Churchgoers?
3. Nonchurchgoers?

SEPTEMBER 8-14

How do you

1. Introduce Topic for Conversation?
2. Involve householder in discussion?
3. Lay groundwork for return visit?

SEPTEMBER 15-21

What do you say when

1. Householder is busy?
2. Person is antagonistic?
3. Youth answers door?

SEPTEMBER 22-28

How might you start Bible studies

1. Using direct approach?
2. After initial placement?
3. When making return visit?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Lasting Happiness Only by Jehovah's Government.
Eccl. 8:9—Man's rule burdensome.
Mic. 4:3, 4—Jehovah's government brings blessings.

Continue Declaring Abroad the Kingdom of God

[1] "No man that has put his hand to a plow and looks at the things behind is well fitted for the kingdom of God." This was Jesus' reply to one who wanted to beg off from following him. (Luke 9:59-62) But how have Jehovah's people today responded to the invitation to follow Jesus?

[2] The 1986 service year began with a new peak of regular pioneers. Since then we have had a new peak almost every month, bringing the total number to well over 45,000! We also rejoiced to see a fine response to auxiliary pioneer service in the spring. Congregation publishers averaged over ten hours in March—their highest hour average since 1976! The total number of publishers in the United States reached a new peak of 725,799 in April. Another highlight during the year was the Memorial celebration on March 24, with an attendance of 1,691,297 here in the United States alone. Such increases made it necessary to form 195 new congregations during the first ten months of the service year.

PERSONAL GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

[3] Our Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making work is accelerating toward its conclusion. Soon it will be accomplished, "and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:14) Will we be among those feeling satisfied, knowing we did our utmost in Jehovah's service? (Compare 2 Peter 3:11, 14.) Having personal service goals will help us to share fully in declaring abroad the Kingdom good news. What can we do individually to increase and refine our sacrifice of praise to Jehovah?—Heb. 13:15.

[4] For some, it could mean participating regularly in field service on the first Sunday of every month. Once that goal has been accomplished, we may also find that we are able to schedule service regularly at other times during the month. If up until now we have been spending only a few hours in the ministry each month, could we perhaps set a personal goal to increase our time in the field to ten or more hours? It may be

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Assist Newer Publishers

[1] Jehovah's people are increasing worldwide. From 1984 to 1985 we had 184,909 more publishers in the ministry. Country after country continues reporting new peaks. Many people are making progress in the truth. Who can help all these new ones to advance to Christian maturity?—Heb. 6:1.

[2] In order to help others, we ourselves must be mature. We should "reflect like mirrors the glory of Jehovah." (2 Cor. 3:18) We do this in the way we live and by the manner we convey to others the truths we have learned about Jehovah's purposes. So we need to be qualified ministers.—2 Cor. 3:5.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ASSIST?

[3] Do you have good study habits that can provide you with knowledge to share with others? Preparing for the meetings also helps to equip you for this fine work. At times all of us appreciate help from others. When Jesus sent his disciples out by twos, they were able to encourage and assist one another in working their territory and speaking to people.—Luke 10:1.

[4] New publishers appreciate kindly assistance. Just knowing that someone is at their side to assist them, if necessary, in the conversation gives them confidence. Usually, the person who studied with a new one helps him to get started in the field ministry. Children should receive training from their parents. But others can help; in fact, the Scriptures encourage us to help one another. (Prov. 27:17; Gal. 6:6) Perhaps you know someone in your Congregation Book Study group who would be happy to have an invitation to go with you in the service from time to time.

[5] With a view to assisting others in the congregation, Paul instructed Titus to "keep on speaking what things are fitting." Following through on this counsel, he then explained the role of both "the aged men" and "the aged women" in building up the congregation. (Titus 2:1-4) New and younger ones are particularly in need of assistance in molding their lives so as to be pleasing to God. As they are built up, they will qualify to instruct others in the truth. Today, as in the first century, mature brothers and sisters alike should take seriously their Scriptural roles to be examples and to assist

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 31 (5)

Song 6

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Outline field service arrangements for the week. Encourage all to share in ministry on first Sunday of September.

20 min: "Continue Declaring Abroad the Kingdom of God." Secretary discusses article with audience participation. Enthusiastically review highlights of 1986 service year, incorporating what local congregation has accomplished. Encourage all to set reasonable service goals. When considering *Creation* book offer, have capable publisher demonstrate simple presentation using *Kingdom News* No. 33, as suggested on page 8 of November 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Then demonstrate presentation using Topic for Conversation.

15 min: Question Box. Discussion to be handled by one on Congregation Service Committee. Emphasize that baptismal candidate must be an approved associate, a person who is ready to make a dedication to Jehovah or has already done so. Best for candidate not to wait until just before an assembly before expressing his desire to be baptized.

Song 202 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 7 (12)

Song 116

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. How are arrangements for field service being supported? Relate experiences to show benefits of such support. Encourage all to share in the magazine work this Saturday and suggest talking points for presenting current magazines.

15 min: "Assist Newer Publishers." Talk and audience discussion. Encourage qualified brothers and sisters to arrange to work with different newer ones to help them become more effective in field service.

20 min: Developing Interest in *Creation* Book. Talk with demonstrations. Many *Creation* books placed in the field. Are we prepared to follow up interest so it does not wither and die? Have two publishers discuss use of material under "Evolution" in *Reasoning* book, starting on page 121. Note especially two points of view as expressed on pages 126 and 127, one expressing belief in evolution and the other acknowledging the existence of a Creator. Show how we can use this information in house-to-house ministry or on return visits. Chairman refers to *Creation* book, highlights fine material that not only refutes evolution but builds faith. What subject would interest householder? The book is designed with questions to be studied. Chapter 3 deals with familiar material from Genesis. Or perhaps material in chapters 16 and 17 on "Why Would God Permit Suffering?" and "Can You Trust the Bible?" would appeal to householder. If time permits, two publishers can demonstrate starting study by using this fine publication.

9:10

Song 151 and concluding prayer.

8:25 WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 14 (19)

Song 191 TF

7 min: Local announcements. Selected Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

20 min: 8:32 "Young People, Be Progressive in the Ministry." Question-and-answer discussion, followed by interview with two or three youngsters highlighting goals mentioned in article. 8:52

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18 min: Upholding Truth of Creation Account. Talk and demonstration based on March 8, 1983, *Awake!*, pages 12-15, and *Reasoning* book, page 88, second section. Five-minute talk should make clear the difference between the claim of fundamentalists that the six creative days were each 24 hours long and the Bible teaching of creation. When offering the *Creation* book, we need to be prepared to expose the false viewpoint of fundamentalists as well as the evolution theory. Demonstrate publisher talking to person who does not believe in evolution but thinks the creation took place in six 24-hour days. Publisher uses material in *Reasoning* book to help householder reason on the matter and see how such teaching has been a stumbling block to people who have some knowledge of the material universe. Householder responds favorably, accepts offer of book, and invites publisher back for return visit. Chairman concludes with encouragement for all to become acquainted with facts in the Society's publications on the Bible teaching of creation.

9:10

Song 174 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 21

Song 13 8:25 LA

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage participation in magazine work on fourth Saturday. Demonstrate two well-prepared magazine presentations, one featuring current *Watchtower* and the other featuring current *Awake!* 8:35

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—As a Family." Elder and ministerial servant who are parents discuss the article with children of various ages. Following discussion, they make specific comments on how they plan to apply the counsel. 8:50

12 min: Local needs or talk on How to Close the Generation Gap. If no local needs, elder discusses how working with young people in service and otherwise can help keep lines of communication open. Cover information in July 22, 1986, *Awake!* article "Can You Close the Generation Gap?" 9:10

8 min: Experiences placing *Creation* book. Select experiences that illustrate good results from applying theocratic suggestions in making *Creation* book offer.

Song 20 and concluding prayer. 9:10

Declaring Abroad *(Cont'd)*

reasonable for others of us to take up auxiliary or regular pioneer service.

OFFER *CREATION* BOOK

5 In September we will again be offering the book *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* Our use of this book has brought Jehovah's name and purpose to the fore, as the following experience shows. In a southern state a publisher took the initiative to visit seven high schools in one district, informing them of the value of the *Creation* book. At every school the principal felt that the students and faculty should know about the book. Five of the high schools put the book on display, and all seven cataloged the book in their libraries. Will you have a share in further distribution of the *Creation* book in September? This colorful publication quickly arouses interest and is easy to present with the tract *Kingdom News* No. 33.

6 Set personal and family goals. Be determined to have a full share in offering the *Creation* book this month. May all of us continue to respond positively to Jesus' invitation: "Be my follower." Having 'put our hand to the plow,' may all of us keep our eyes fixed straight ahead and continue to "declare abroad the kingdom of God."

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Announcements

- Service overseer and brother handling literature should note the following upcoming campaigns and prepare for these now by ordering supplies early and in sufficient quantity to fill the congregation's needs. **September:** *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* The contribution is $2.50. Small size for a contribution of $1.25. **October:** Subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower*, or both, for a contribution of $4.00 for each one-year subscription. **November:** *New World Translation* and *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* The contribution is $4.50. **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50. The new brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* will also be offered for a contribution of 30¢.
- The presiding overseer or someone assigned by him should audit the congregation's accounts on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. They should be distributed to the secretary and the brothers caring for the literature, magazines, and accounts.
- New Publications Available:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*—1985 edition (Deluxe edition), available in black or maroon —Japanese, Spanish
  - *Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order!* —Arabic
  - *Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation?* —Greek, Korean
  - *Sing Praises to Jehovah* (Large size) —Danish
  - *Survival Into a New Earth* —Indonesian
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1971-1975 —German
  - *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace"* —Chinese, English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
  - *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (Small size) —Croatian, Tswana, Yoruba
  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Giryama, Luhya-Bukusu, Nyamwezi, Persian
  - *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide* —Chinese, English, French, Greek, Italian, Spanish
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* (Brochure) —Afrikaans, Chinese, English, French, Greek, Italian, Korean, Sesotho, Spanish, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu
  - *The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever* —Indonesian, Romanian
  - *The Government That Will Bring Paradise* —Arabic, Batak Toba, Bislama, Chamorro, Fijian, Kosraean, Luo, Papiamento, Ponapean, Samoan, Tongan, Trukese, Wallisian
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Deuteronomy* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  - *Joshua* (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —French
  - *Kingdom Melodies* No. 7 (congregation and public: $2.00; pioneers: $1.75)

Young People, Be Progressive in the Ministry

[1] "Praise Jehovah . . . , you young men and also you virgins, you old men together with boys." (Ps. 148:7, 12) Young people can bring praise to Jehovah by making the truth their own. This means applying Christian principles in their lives, participating in congregation meetings, and having a full share in field service. They should come to do these things because they want to, not just because their parents or friends expect it of them.

[2] Choosing the Christian way of life starts with taking in knowledge of God. This can lead to a personal relationship with Jehovah. (Ps. 71:5) When a person dedicates himself to God to serve him for the rest of his life and is baptized, a friendship with God is established. Such a friendship with God, where young ones are concerned, enables them to "flee from the desires incidental to youth," avoiding unnecessary worldly associations and attitudes. (2 Tim. 2:22) Setting theocratic goals, such as pioneering, Bethel, or missionary service, and then working toward them will strengthen young and old, drawing them closer to Jehovah.—Prov. 16:3.

THINGS YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DO

[3] We rejoice to see young ones who are conscious of their spiritual need and who enjoy attending and sharing in the congregation meetings. (Matt. 5:3, 6) Christian youths, you can encourage others in the congregation by regularly offering upbuilding comments during the meetings. By cultivating warm relationships with all age groups in the congregation, you will be able to enjoy upbuilding association with all before and after the meetings.—1 Tim. 4:12; compare Proverbs 18:1.

[4] Jehovah also uses young people to have the good news preached. (Matt 21:16) Many have found that by sharing in preaching activity on a weekly basis, they have come to enjoy it more and more. Some take advantage of their opportunities at school to speak about Jehovah's purposes. (Ps. 71:17; 145:21) Certainly such activity makes the heart of Jehovah glad.

[5] You young people, like others in the Christian congregation, be progressive in your spiritual development. By applying yourselves constantly to improve your theocratic activity, you make the truth your own. Thus you can be assured of Jehovah's blessing.—Phil. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:15.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?:*

September 7: Pages 43 to 49*
September 14: Pages 49* to 56
September 21: Pages 57 to 63*
September 28: Pages 63* to 67*

* To or from subheading.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	275	124.0	85.0	51.6	5.7
Pios.	44,513	76.8	39.2	27.9	3.2
Aux. Pios.	31,875	59.0	29.2	16.5	1.5
Pubs.	614,862	9.7	6.7	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	691,525				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,228

Question Box

- When is a person eligible to receive his own copy of *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry,* and how and when should the elders make arrangements for reviewing the questions with those desiring to be baptized?

Information on this subject is given on pages 173-5 of the *Our Ministry* book, under "Note to Congregation Elders." There it is explained that when a person has conformed his life to Jehovah's righteous standards, is a regular meeting attender, and is having a meaningful share in the field service as an approved associate, he may express to one of the elders his desire to be baptized and at that time receive a personal copy of *Organized to Accomplish Our Ministry*.—See also pages 97-100 regarding "approved associate."

Upon receiving the book, the approved associate should begin reviewing the questions for baptismal candidates starting on page 175. He should endeavor to discern the application of the quoted and cited scriptures. After he has had opportunity to go over the designated information, some of the elders will review the questions and answers with him. The

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

As a Family

1 One of the finest qualities that a parent can implant in his child is the desire to share the Kingdom good news with others. Because of the imperfect inclination of mind and heart from birth onward, children must be taught what is expected of them in order to please God. (Ps. 71:17) Actually, all of us must be taught to 'seek first the Kingdom' because, left to ourselves, we invariably seek first our own personal desires.—Matt. 6:33.

2 Jehovah commanded the Israelites to teach their children his laws and commandments. (Deut. 6:6-9) That same instruction is appropriate for families today in their rendering of sacred service to God. Are you helping to mold the hearts of your children so that they love Jehovah and find delight in sharing in his service? Do you take your children with you in the field service?

EXAMPLES TO COPY

3 The Bible presents excellent examples of youths who became involved in sacred service at a very early age. Samuel started temple service right after being weaned by his mother, his age then being comparable to preschool age today. (1 Sam. 3:1, 15) Jephthah's young unmarried daughter took up sacred service at the tabernacle in compliance with her father's vow. (Judg. 11:36-40) Timothy had a fine reputation as a zealous Christian youth. (Acts 16:2) Philip the evangelizer had four daughters who prophesied, indicating that he took the lead in helping his family to serve Jehovah. Do the members of your family make an effort to help one another to serve in the field as disciples of Christ?

4 Parents should arrange for their children to accompany them in the field ministry from a very early age. This is a part of parental responsibility. The father or mother, or both where possible, should regularly train their children in the field service. Setting a good example is one of the finest ways to encourage right goals and cultivate good motives in children. (Prov. 22:6) The Bible says: "One who is good will leave an inheritance to sons of sons." (Prov. 13:22) Thus, much depends on setting the right example, for certainly we would not want our children to be following a wrong one. Since godly parents are the prime example a youngster imitates, children can be motivated to put Kingdom interests first if the parents take the field ministry seriously and do as much as they reasonably can in the preaching activity.

5 Often even very young ones can give householders a handbill or a tract. They can have a share in the preaching work by perhaps inviting people to the Kingdom Hall, letting them know they are welcome. Many young ones enjoy witnessing with the magazines. They prepare a brief presentation of the latest issues. At the doors, parents could mention that their child is being trained in the ministry and enjoys going along with them. A young publisher could be invited to keep the house-to-house records or read scriptures at the door. He may even be able to comment on the Bible verse being used in the current Topic for Conversation or answer a question or two that the parent might ask in order to isolate a main point. Some children, even at a very young age, can give a fine Scriptural presentation at the doors because of the excellent training their parents have given them. As you can appreciate, having a part makes the work much more enjoyable for our young people. Householders are often prompted to comment on how well such young ones express themselves.

6 Are you taking time to teach your children by working with them in the field service? Are you young publishers appreciating the help you get and showing a willingness to accompany your parents or others in the field service? You can be sure that Jehovah is pleased with you when you do. It is gratifying to see our children apply the things we teach them.—Prov. 23:15, 24.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Aruba had a 20-percent increase with a new peak of 361 publishers in April. New peaks were also reached in the regular and auxiliary pioneer ranks, hours, and return visits.

◆ Grenada reported new peaks of 358 publishers and 451 studies in April.

◆ Papua New Guinea had new peaks of 1,801 publishers and 2,281 studies in April.

◆ April showed a peak of 95,746 publishers in the Philippines. A total of 32 percent of the publishers reporting were in full-time service.

◆ Suriname's new peak of 1,236 publishers for April averaged 16.6 hours in the field ministry.

Question Box (*Cont'd*)

presiding overseer makes arrangements for this.

Preparation for baptism should not be rushed. Therefore, the individual should inform the elders well in advance of the time he plans to get baptized. It is not necessary for the elders to wait until an assembly has been announced before going over the questions with those who are preparing for baptism. Those conducting Bible studies should be alert to the spiritual progress of their students, discern when they are approaching dedication, and let them know how to make arrangements for baptism.

Elders reviewing the questions with a person desiring to be baptized may decide that it would be advisable for him to make further spiritual advancement before taking this important step. Perhaps he needs to take in more knowledge or become more adept at expressing his faith to others. (1 Pet. 3:15) It may be that he should gain additional experience in the field ministry. Or it could be found that he really does not yet qualify for baptism. (See Acts 8:36.) In each case, the elders should outline what further progress is needed and, if necessary, arrange for whatever personal assistance may be required to help the person to qualify later.

Newer Publishers (*Cont'd*)

younger and newer ones in the congregation.

ASSIST YOUR CHILDREN

6 Parents can do much to help their children make progress. Helping them with their first student talks and then seeing them develop their own talks and gain ability to comment freely from the heart and with understanding is truly a satisfying experience. Are you aiding your children in this way? Could they make more progress if you worked with them consistently with those goals in mind? Think of the joy you would have seeing sons and daughters progress in appreciation of the truth and in zeal and ability to share the good news with others.

7 All in the congregation of Jehovah's people should cooperate with a view to the advancement of each member in the ministry. Some are qualified to be teachers, while others can help in different ways. (Compare 1 Corinthians 12:27, 28.) Perhaps you are one who can be helpful by encouraging and assisting newer publishers.

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 5

Going from house to house

1. Why did Jesus instruct disciples to say: "May this house have peace"?—Luke 10:5.
2. How can we apply this same principle?

OCTOBER 6-12

What encouragement for field service is found in

1. Matthew 13:41, 42?
2. Matthew 25:31-33?
3. Revelation 14:6?

OCTOBER 13-19

How can a positive attitude be maintained toward

1. The subscription offer?
2. Frequently worked territory?
3. Common objections?

OCTOBER 20-26

What introduction would you use for

1. An elderly person?
2. A parent?
3. A teenager?

OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 2

How can we display good manners

1. When walking or driving in field service?
2. When at the doors?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Lasting Happiness Only by Jehovah's Government.
Eccl. 8:9—Man's rule burdensome.
Mic. 4:3, 4—Jehovah's government brings blessings.

"Let Anyone Hearing Say: 'Come!'"

¹ During his earthly ministry, Jesus Christ extended to thirsty sheeplike ones the warm invitation to come to him for spiritual refreshment. (John 7:37) In our generation, the Fine Shepherd lovingly continues to use the bride class to invite "a great crowd" of other sheep to drink freely of God's provisions for everlasting life.—Rev. 7: 9, 17; 22:17.

² The anointed remnant, impelled by God's spirit and Word, have 'kept on saying: "Come!"' More than three million of the other sheep have responded to this invitation and are having their thirst quenched. It is also their privilege to obey the command: "Let anyone hearing say: 'Come!'"

DIRECT TO GOD'S ORGANIZATION

³ When saying "Come," we do not direct others to ourselves, as though we individually were the source of "life's water." Rather, we properly direct people to Jehovah and to his theocratic organization. When someone manifests a sincere interest in learning more, do not hesitate to say to that one: Come to our Christian meetings. There is where true spiritual refreshment is to be found.—Ps. 133:1-3.

⁴ Another fine way to introduce people to God's organization is through *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* A reader can learn that there truly is an international brotherhood of Christians living and working in unity. (Isa. 2:2-4; Zech. 8:23) This unity is observed in their ministry, at conventions, when building places of worship or helping one another in times of disaster, and so forth. Our magazines invite millions of readers to visit the local Kingdom Hall and share in the spiritual banquet God's people enjoy. With appreciation for God's organization and a love for the truth that we have learned through the pages of the *Awake!* and *The Watchtower,* we will enthusiastically offer subscriptions for both of these fine publications during October.

LET NEW ONES SAY "COME"

⁵ Bible students who have gotten the sense of the good news in their hearts can be encouraged to share what they know with friends, relatives, business associates, and others. (Compare John 1:46, 47; 4: 28-30.) They should realize that not all will readily accept the truth, but there may be some who will appreciate the good news and

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Convention Releases Equip Us to Do God's Will

¹ The apostle Paul expressed the desire that "the God of peace" equip his servants "with every good thing to do his will." (Heb. 13:20, 21) That is the desire of "the faithful and discreet slave" today and it prompts the providing of what is needed. (Matt. 24:45) Was that not evident at the "Divine Peace" District Convention, especially with regard to the new literature releases? We should not put off using these 'good things' provided to strengthen and equip us to accomplish our God-assigned work.

² On the first day of the convention, we were happy to receive the 32-page brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New."* The new brochure has large, easy-to-read type and numerous teaching illustrations. Using the *"Look!"* brochure to start new home Bible studies will undoubtedly help many to get started on the way to life.

³ The second release of the convention was another magazine-size, four-color brochure entitled *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide.* The use of this brochure is discussed on page 7.

⁴ Following an absorbing talk on the fulfillment and modern-day application of the prophecies found at Isaiah chapters 7 to 9, we were delighted to receive the new pocket-size book entitled *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace."* This publication was especially prepared for the encouragement of Jehovah's people. If you have not yet done so, we urge you to read it carefully. You will be well rewarded. Your appreciation for Jehovah's service will increase as you consider the modern-day fulfillment of two of Jesus' parables recorded at Matthew 25:1-30. As you read about the tremendous work and privileges in Jehovah's new system of things, it will build up your anticipation for what is in store for Armageddon survivors. The explanation of how Christ Jesus becomes an "Eternal Father" to redeemed members of the human family will draw you closer to Jehovah God and his "Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6) The descriptions of Jehovah's coming war against the nations are thrilling. Many spiritual treasures are waiting to be discovered in the pages of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 28

Song 192 10-2

10 min: Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* that apply locally, local announcements, and Theocratic News. Animated discussion between two brothers. Do not just read. Emphasize fact that November has five full weekends and so would present a fine opportunity to auxiliary pioneer. Can request application from presiding overseer. Encourage all to share in field ministry the first Sunday of October.

20 min: "Jesus' Life and Ministry." Lively family discussion on how much they have benefited from material since it first appeared in April 1, 1985, *Watchtower*. Father asks specific questions of children on how they have personally benefited from recent articles in this series. Highlight Jesus' devotion to true worship and importance of his ministry.—John 4:34, 35.

15 min: Do You Prepare for the Field Ministry? Talk by service overseer stressing importance of being prepared before starting in service. Need to be familiar with contents of literature being offered and have Topic for Conversation well rehearsed. Not use Sunday for magazine witnessing if congregation features magazines on another day. Have publisher or pioneer demonstrate current Topic for Conversation and offer subscription. Keep presentation simple. Service overseer can also point out highlights of October 1 and 8 magazines: "Daniel's Prophecy—Dreams That Affect You" and "Cancer—Can You Beat It?"

Song 156 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 5

Song 211

10 min: Local announcements. Call attention to article "*Awake!* Also in Full Color," suggesting that publishers consider their need for additional copies. Encourage all to share in magazine work this Saturday. Suggest talking points in current magazines for use in local territory.

17 min: "Let Anyone Hearing Say: 'Come!'" Questions and answers. Arrange in advance local experiences of new ones witnessing to others.

18 min: Christian Youths Offer Themselves Willingly. Elder in informal setting has friendly conversation with two teenage publishers. Asks about school. They mention efforts to involve them in extracurricular activity in and away from school. Elder kindly gets their thoughts on such matters. Discusses Psalm 110:2, 3 and symbolic "horses" of Revelation 9:14-19. Includes points from March 1, 1981, *Watchtower*, pp. 18-22. Concludes conversation by encouraging magazine activity and arranges to work with them second Saturday of month.

Song 157 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 12

Song 180 CA

10 min: Local announcements. Briefly discuss talking points in October 15 *Watchtower* and October 22 *Awake!* magazines: "The Global Power Struggle—Who Will Win?" and "How Safe Are the Banks?"

18 min: "Convention Releases Equip Us to Do God's Will." Question-and-answer discussion by elder. Ask for comments from audience on benefits gained already from use of convention releases.

17 min: "Developing the Art of Teaching." Talk based on study 10 in *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*. Review instructions in Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1987.

Song 78 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 19

Song 106 LA + DW 10-23

12 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Include report of any contributions sent by congregation to Society for Kingdom work or for Society Kingdom Hall Fund as noted on September literature statement or other statements from Society. Encourage all to share in magazine activity on fourth Saturday. Have well-qualified publishers demonstrate two 30- to 60-second presentations. Remind publishers to be prepared for subscription offer by having subscription blanks with them. Review reasons for making out subscription slip in triplicate.—See S-11 form, "How to Handle Subscriptions Properly."

13 min: Continue Actively Praising Jehovah. Review with congregation what has been accomplished in recent months in congregation's field activity. Selected experiences may be shared, having these related by prepared publishers. As winter approaches, be alert to take advantage of all opportunities to preach. Where evening witnessing is practical, encourage brothers to continue this work. Regular arrangements to call on not-at-homes or to make return visits can be productive.

20 min: "Make Effective Use of New Brochure." Question-and-answer coverage. Feature two demonstrations by qualified publishers discussing material with Bible student. Use "Meetings for Inciting to Love and Fine Works" in first demonstration and "Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake" in second. Encourage all to pick up a supply of the brochure if congregation has received shipment.

Song 172 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 26

Song 32 10-30

12 min: Local announcements. Discuss new offer for November: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* along with *True Peace* book. Have demonstration adapting Topic for Conversation to Bible and book offer. Encourage all to share in field service on first Sunday of November.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—On Return Visits." Question-and-answer coverage. In paragraph 3, demonstrate preparation for return visit, using subject of "Government" on page 152 of the *Reasoning* book.

15 min: Local needs or talk on "What Career Will You Choose?" from April 15, 1986, *Watchtower*. Make encouraging local application.

Song 8 and concluding prayer.

Say "Come!" (*Cont'd*)

respond to a warm invitation to "come."

6 Last October, an appreciative Bible student was moved to offer *Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscriptions to his many acquaintances. He went to factories in his area and spoke to the workers during their lunch hour. He told them simply: "You all know how I used to be; I did many bad things like everyone else, but I changed. These magazines helped me to change. They can also help you because they deal with every problem that a person may encounter." In that one month he obtained 62 subscriptions!

7 It is a privilege for the "other sheep" to work closely with the remaining ones of Christ's "bride" in saying to everyone everywhere: "Come." If it is Jehovah's will, may millions more drink "life's water" and be numbered among the sheeplike ones who will hear the King say: 'Come and share the blessings in the paradisaic earthly realm of God's Kingdom.'—Matt. 25:34.

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1987

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1987 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [*bi12*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], and *Bible Topics for Discussion* [*td*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song, prayer, and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder or by a qualified ministerial servant. It will be based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* This assignment should be delivered as a ten-minute instruction talk with a five-minute oral review following, using the printed questions for this section. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. Where needed, a theme should be selected. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.

The brothers assigned this talk should be careful to keep within the time limit. Private counsel may be given if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder or by a ministerial servant assigned by the school overseer. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. Check *Watchtower* issues for further highlight material. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms by the school overseer.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. This will apply in the main school as well as in the auxiliary groups. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to sisters. The student assigned should be able to read. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field ministry, in the congregation, or elsewhere. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration. The student should use the theme shown.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned to a brother or a sister. When assigned to a brother, this should be a talk to the entire audience. It will usually be best for the brother to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable audience-type setting, the brother may choose to develop his talk accordingly. The student should use the theme shown.

When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk, the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather, he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. If the student speaker merits solely a "G" and there is no other speech quality marked "I" or "W," then the counselor should circle the box, where the "G," "I," or "W" would normally appear, of the speech quality that the student should work on next. He will advise the student of this that evening as well as show this speech quality on the student's next Theocratic Ministry School Assignment slip (S-89). Those giving talks should sit toward the front of the hall. This will save time and enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student. As time allows after the giving of necessary oral counsel, comments may be given by the counselor on informative and practical points not covered by the students. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than a total of two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk.

PREPARING TALKS: Brothers giving Assignment No. 1 should select a theme where needed. Students assigned the second talk should choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material. Students assigned the third and fourth talks should use the theme shown. Prior to giving the talk, students will want to read over the *School Guidebook* material dealing with the speech quality being worked on.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the counselor. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. The brother assigned to give the "stop signal" should do so promptly. When brothers handling Assignment No. 1 go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 45 minutes, excluding song and prayer.

WRITTEN REVIEW: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. The school overseer will have covered main points that should have been highlighted but that were overlooked by the speakers. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. The balance of the time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper. The school overseer will read off all answers and concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 50 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Of course, nondedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

ABSENTEES: All in the congregation can show appreciation for this school by endeavoring to be present at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 4 Bible reading: Psalms 70 to 73

Song No. 46

No. 1: The Bible: A Firm Foundation for Faith (*si* pp. 7-8, pars. 1-11)
No. 2: Psalm 72
No. 3: *td* 2B The Christian's Part in God's Final War
No. 4: *td* 3C "Baptism for the Dead" Is Unscriptural

Jan. 11 Bible reading: Psalms 74 to 77

Song No. 180

No. 1: God's Word: The Process of Inspiration (*si* pp. 8-10, pars. 12-20)
No. 2: Psalm 76
No. 3: *td* 4B We Need Help to Understand God's Word
No. 4: *td* 4D Quoting Scattered Texts Has Scriptural Backing

Jan. 18 Bible reading: Psalms 78 and 79

Song No. 98

No. 1: God's Word: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 10-12, pars. 21-33)
No. 2: Psalm 79
No. 3: *td* 4E Other "Holy Books" Are Not Inspired
No. 4: *td* 4G "Old" and "New" Testaments Both Important

Jan. 25 Bible reading: Psalms 80 to 85

Song No. 82

No. 1: Genesis: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 13-14, pars. 1-9)
No. 2: Psalm 83
No. 3: *td* 4H Canonicity of Bible Books Determined Best From Internal Evidence
No. 4: *td* 6B 70 Weeks: Prophecy of Messiah's First Coming

Feb. 1 Bible reading: Psalms 86 to 89

Song No. 64

No. 1: Genesis 1:1 to 25:12 (*si* pp. 14-16, pars. 10-22)
No. 2: Psalm 86
No. 3: *td* 6C 2 B.C.E. Is Date of Jesus' Birth
No. 4: *td* 6D Christ's Ministry 3 1/2 Years Long

Feb. 8 Bible reading: Psalms 90 to 94

Song No. 135

No. 1: Genesis 25:13 to 50:26 (*si* pp. 16-17, pars. 23-32)
No. 2: Psalm 90
No. 3: *td* 7B Christ's Church Limited to 144,000
No. 4: *td* 7C Meeting in Homes or Building Halls Proper

Feb. 15 Bible reading: Psalms 95 to 101

Song No. 194

No. 1: Exodus: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 19-20, pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Psalms 100 and 101
No. 3: *td* 7D Christian Congregation Not Built Upon Peter
No. 4: *td* 7E Christ Established No Pope as Successor

Feb. 22 Written Review. Complete Psalms 70 to 101

Song No. 91

Mar. 1 Bible reading: Psalms 102 to 104

Song No. 1

No. 1: Exodus 1:1 to 13:16 (*si* pp. 21-2, pars. 9-17)
No. 2: Psalm 103:1-14, 21, 22
No. 3: *td* 8A Moral Standard of Bible Must Be Upheld
No. 4: *td* 8B True Adornment Is of the Heart

Mar. 8 Bible reading: Psalms 105 and 106

Song No. 201

No. 1: Exodus 13:17 to 40:38 (*si* pp. 22-3, pars. 18-25)
No. 2: Psalm 106:1-12, 47, 48
No. 3: *td* 11D Honoring the Dead Is Wrong
No. 4: *td* 12A Dedication to Jehovah Essential for Life

Mar. 15 Bible reading: Psalms 107 to 109

Song No. 139

No. 1: Leviticus: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 25-6, pars. 1-10)
No. 2: Psalm 108
No. 3: *td* 13A Bible Answer to Problem of Juvenile Delinquency
No. 4: *td* 14C The Devil Is Responsible for World Distress

Mar. 22 Bible reading: Psalms 110 to 115

Song No. 17

No. 1: Leviticus 1:1 to 15:33 (*si* pp. 27-8, pars. 11-21)
No. 2: Psalms 110 and 114
No. 3: *td* 15A Scriptural Basis for Disfellowshipping
No. 4: *td* 15B Causes for Disfellowshipping

Mar. 29 Bible reading: Psalms 116 to 119:32

Song No. 125

No. 1: Leviticus 16:1 to 27:34 (*si* p. 28, pars. 22-27)
No. 2: Psalm 116
No. 3: *td* 15C Repentance Essential for Divine Forgiveness
No. 4: *td* 16A Christians Shun Addictives

Apr. 5 Bible reading: Psalm 119:33-112

Song No. 160

No. 1: Numbers: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 30-1, pars. 1-10)
No. 2: Psalm 119:97-112
No. 3: *td* 17B From Paradise Lost to Paradise Restored
No. 4: *td* 17D Men Unable to Destroy the Earth

Apr. 12 Bible reading: Psalm 119:113-176

Song No. 159

No. 1: Numbers 1:1 to 12:16 (*si* pp. 31-2, pars. 11-19)
No. 2: Psalm 119:161-176
No. 3: *td* 18A Evolution Is Unscriptural
No. 4: *td* 20A Christian's Relationship to World Governments

Apr. 19 Bible reading: Psalms 120 to 130

Song No. 65

No. 1: Numbers 13:1 to 36:13 (*si* pp. 33-4, pars. 20-31)
No. 2: Psalms 122 and 123
No. 3: *td* 20B Christian's First Responsibility Is to God
No. 4: *td* 20C Christians Must Maintain Neutrality in World's Affairs

Apr. 26 Written Review. Complete Psalms 102 to 130

Song No. 217

May 3 Bible reading: Psalms 131 to 136

Song No. 168

No. 1: Deuteronomy: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 36-7, pars. 1-9)
No. 2: Psalm 132
No. 3: *td* 20D Christian Warfare a Protection for All
No. 4: *td* 20E Right Attitude Toward Reverence to Emblems

May 10 Bible reading: Psalms 137 to 140

Song No. 165

No. 1: Deuteronomy 1:1 to 11:32 (*si* pp. 37-8, pars. 10-19)
No. 2: Psalms 137 and 138
No. 3: *td* 21A What Constitutes Good Works?
No. 4: *td* 21B Sincerely Keeping "Golden Rule" Not Sufficient

May 17 Bible reading: Psalms 141 to 145

Song No. 41

No. 1: Deuteronomy 12:1 to 33:29 (*si* pp. 39-40, pars. 20-29)
No. 2: Psalm 144
No. 3: *td* 21C Faith Without Works Is Dead
No. 4: *td* 21D Charitable Works a Part of Christian Living

May 24 Bible reading: Psalms 146 to 150

Song No. 183

No. 1: Joshua: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 42-3, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Psalm 148
No. 3: *td* 21E Community Interests Best Served by Kingdom Preaching
No. 4: *td* 23A Heaven Is God's Home, Earth Is Man's

May 31 Bible reading: Proverbs 1 and 2

Song No. 138

No. 1: Joshua 1:1 to 12:24 (*si* pp. 43-4, pars. 6-15)
No. 2: Proverbs 2:1-19
No. 3: *td* 23C Requirements for Heavenly Life
No. 4: *td* 24A Hell (Sheol, Hades) Provides Temporary Rest With Resurrection Hope

June 7 Bible reading: Proverbs 3 and 4

Song No. 132

No. 1: Joshua 13:1 to 24:33 (*si* pp. 44-5, pars. 16-20)
No. 2: Proverbs 3:1-17
No. 3: *td* 24D Heaven's Existence No Proof That Hell Exists
No. 4: *td* 25A Observance of Feast Days Not Required of Christians

June 14 Bible reading: Proverbs 5 and 6

Song No. 152

No. 1: Judges: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 46-7, pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Proverbs 6:1-19
No. 3: *td* 27C Only One Way, but It Is Open to All
No. 4: *td* 28A Interpretations Belong to God

June 21 Bible reading: Proverbs 7 and 8

Song No. 14

No. 1: Judges 1:1 to 9:57 (*si* pp. 47-8, pars. 9-17)
No. 2: Proverbs 8:22-36
No. 3: *td* 28B Only One Correct Interpretation of Bible
No. 4: *td* 29B God's Name to Be Made Known

June 28 Written Review. Complete Psalms 131 to Proverbs 8

Song No. 42

July 5 Bible reading: Proverbs 9 and 10

Song No. 9

No. 1: Judges 10:1 to 21:25 (*si* pp. 49-50, pars. 18-26)
No. 2: Proverbs 10:16-32
No. 3: *td* 29E God Is the Creator; to Deny Him Is Fatal
No. 4: *td* 29G Jehovah Not God of Jews Only

July 12 Bible reading: Proverbs 11 and 12

Song No. 73

No. 1: The Book of Ruth (*si* pp. 51-2, pars. 1-8)
No. 2: Proverbs 11:1-14
No. 3: *td* 30B Not Primarily "Christ's" but "Jehovah's Witnesses"
No. 4: *td* 31A God's Provision of Jesus Christ

July 19 Bible reading: Proverbs 13 and 14

Song No. 191

No. 1: 1 Samuel: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 53-4, pars. 1-6)
No. 2: Proverbs 14:1-16
No. 3: *td* 31C Jesus Is God's Greatest Prophet
No. 4: *td* 31F Jewish Hopes Fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah

July 26 Bible reading: Proverbs 15 and 16

Song No. 145

No. 1: 1 Samuel 1:1 to 15:35 (*si* pp. 54-5, pars. 7-17)
No. 2: Proverbs 15:1-16
No. 3: *td* 32A Judgment of All People
No. 4: *td* 32B The Thousand-Year Judgment Day

Aug. 2 Bible reading: Proverbs 17 and 18

Song No. 4

No. 1: 1 Samuel 16:1 to 31:13 (*si* pp. 56-7, pars. 18-26)
No. 2: Proverbs 18:1-15
No. 3: *td* 33A Purpose and Importance of God's Kingdom
No. 4: *td* 33D Christ Not Given Full Power as King at Pentecost

Aug. 9 Bible reading: Proverbs 19 and 20

Song No. 155

No. 1: 2 Samuel: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* p. 59, pars. 1-5)
No. 2: Proverbs 19:8-23
No. 3: *td* 34C The Last Days Began 1914 (Physical Facts)
No. 4: *td* 34D Chronological Proof Last Days Began 1914

Aug. 16 Bible reading: Proverbs 21 and 22

Song No. 164

No. 1: 2 Samuel 1:1 to 12:31 (*si* pp. 60-1, pars. 6-16)
No. 2: Proverbs 22:1-16
No. 3: *td* 35A The Purpose of the Law Covenant
No. 4: *td* 35B Decalogue Abolished With Rest of Law Covenant

Aug. 23 Bible reading: Proverbs 23 and 24

Song No. 89

No. 1: 2 Samuel 13:1 to 24:25 (*si* pp. 61-3, pars. 17-27)
No. 2: Proverbs 24:1-16
No. 3: *td* 35C More Required Than Decalogue to Gain Life
No. 4: *td* 35D Decalogue Righteous but Not Binding on Christians

Aug. 30 Written Review. Complete Proverbs 9 to 24

Song No. 177

Sept. 6 Bible reading: Proverbs 25 and 26

Song No. 215

No. 1: 1 Kings: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 64-5, pars. 1-5)

No. 2: Proverbs 25:1-13

No. 3: *td* 36A Life Is God's Gift for Faithful Service

No. 4: *td* 36C Heavenly and Earthly Life Both Within God's Promises

Sept. 13 Bible reading: Proverbs 27 and 28

Song No. 170

No. 1: 1 Kings 1:1 to 14:20 (*si* pp. 65-6, pars. 6-14)

No. 2: Proverbs 28:1-14

No. 3: *td* 37A Distribution of Bible Literature Not Done for Profit

No. 4: *td* 37B Reading Bible Literature Is Not Confusing

Sept. 20 Bible reading: Proverbs 29 to 31

Song No. 82

No. 1: 1 Kings 14:21 to 22:53 (*si* pp. 67-8, pars. 15-22)

No. 2: Proverbs 31:10-31

No. 3: *td* 38A Marriage a Sacred Institution of God

No. 4: *td* 37C Church Literature Does Not Fill Need for Family Study

Sept. 27 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 1 and 2

Song No. 149

No. 1: 2 Kings: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* p. 69, pars. 1-4)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 1:1-15

No. 3: *td* 38G Cain's Wife Was His Sister

No. 4: *td* 37E Forbidding to Read Comforting Literature Unreasonable

Oct. 4 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 3 and 4

Song No. 105

No. 1: 2 Kings 1:1 to 8:29 (*si* pp. 70-1, pars. 5-12)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 3:1-9, 18-22

No. 3: *td* 39B Mary, a Virgin, Became Jesus' Mother and Later a Disciple

No. 4: *td* 37F Deciding What to Read Is Each One's Responsibility

Oct. 11 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 5 and 6

Song No. 112

No. 1: 2 Kings 9:1 to 16:20 (*si* pp. 71-2, pars. 13-24)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 5:1-8, 18-20

No. 3: *td* 39D Prayers to Be Directed to God Through Christ, Not Saints

No. 4: *td* 37G Much Literature Being Published; Being Selective Is Practical

Oct. 18 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 7 and 8

Song No. 95

No. 1: 2 Kings 17:1 to 25:30 (*si* pp. 72-3, pars. 25-32)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 7:1-12

No. 3: *td* 41A God's Kingdom Provision Is for All Men

No. 4: *td* 37H Those Having Bible Helps Need Study, Spiritual Progress

Oct. 25 Written Review. Complete Proverbs 25 to Ecclesiastes 8

Song No. 111

Nov. 1 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 9 and 10

Song No. 118

No. 1: 1 Chronicles: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 75-6, pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 9:1-11

No. 3: *td* 41B Non-Christians Have Equal Opportunity to Be Saved

No. 4: *td* 37I One Does Not Need Money to Get Truth

Nov. 8 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 11 and 12

Song No. 161

No. 1: 1 Chronicles 1:1 to 12:40 (*si* pp. 76-7, pars. 8-13)

No. 2: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

No. 3: *td* 41C Jewish Fathers Had Hope in Kingdom

No. 4: *td* 41D Suffering of Jews Foretold in Prophecy

Nov. 15 Bible reading: Song of Solomon 1 to 4

Song No. 66

No. 1: 1 Chronicles 13:1 to 29:30 (*si* pp. 77-8, pars. 14-21)

No. 2: Song of Solomon 2:1-14

No. 3: *td* 42B Persecution Can Come From Many Sources; None to Be Feared

No. 4: *td* 42E Apostates Cannot Prevent God's "Sheep" From Hearing Truth

Nov. 22 Bible reading: Song of Solomon 5 to 8

Song No. 11

No. 1: 2 Chronicles: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 79-80, pars. 1-6)

No. 2: Song of Solomon 8:1-14

No. 3: *td* 42F God's Warning to Persecutors

No. 4: *td* 43B Prayers for This World Are Not Authorized

Nov. 29 Bible reading: Isaiah 1 to 3

Song No. 212

No. 1: 2 Chronicles 1:1 to 9:31 (*si* pp. 80-1, pars. 7-13)

No. 2: Isaiah 1:1-13

No. 3: *td* 44B "Once Saved, Always Saved" Is Unscriptural

No. 4: *td* 45A All Races Are Equal, Not Separate Creations

Dec. 6 Bible reading: Isaiah 4 to 7

Song No. 61

No. 1: 2 Chronicles 10:1 to 26:23 (*si* pp. 81-3, pars. 14-24)

No. 2: Isaiah 6:1-13

No. 3: *td* 45B Racial Problems Will Be Solved by God's Kingdom

No. 4: *td* 45C The Black Race Not the Result of a Curse

Dec. 13 Bible reading: Isaiah 8 to 10

Song No. 53

No. 1: 2 Chronicles 27:1 to 36:23 (*si* pp. 83-4, pars. 25-33)

No. 2: Isaiah 9:1-12

No. 3: *td* 47B Many Religions; How True One Can Be Identified

No. 4: *td* 47D Exposure of False Leaders Required to Protect God's "Sheep"

Dec. 20 Bible reading: Isaiah 11 to 13

Song No. 195

No. 1: Ezra: Who Wrote It and When? (*si* pp. 85-6, pars. 1-7)

No. 2: Isaiah 11:1-10

No. 3: *td* 47F Even Those Professing a Religion Need to Walk Carefully

No. 4: *td* 47H False Religion's Badness Not Proof No True Religion Exists

Dec. 27 Written Review. Complete Ecclesiastes 9 to Isaiah 13

Song No. 181

Announcements

- Literature offer for **October**: Subscription for either *Awake!* or *The Watchtower,* or both, for a contribution of $4.00 for each one-year subscription. **November**: *New World Translation* and *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* The contribution is $4.50. **December**: *My Book of Bible Stories* for contribution of $2.50. New *"Look!"* brochure will be used as alternate offer for 30¢. **January and February:** Any of the following books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, Evolution* (old edition), *Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, World Government.* Congregations may request credit for all books obtained by publishers and pioneers. The pioneer rate for the pocket-size books for this campaign is 30¢ each for regular and special pioneers. Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Holy Spirit* may be ordered from Brooklyn.
- With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we are including the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1987. This will enable school overseers to become familiar with the instructions and make assignments well in advance. All should become familiar with the instructions so as to prepare and present assignments properly.
- New Publications Available:

  Life—How Did It Get Here? By Evolution or by Creation? (Small size) —English, Spanish
  True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? —Tagalog
  Aid to Bible Understanding
    (Volume 38, Qua-Ret) —Italian
    (Volume 39, Ret-Rut) —Italian
    (Volume 40, Rut-San) —Italian
    (Volume 41, San-Sco) —Italian
    (Volume 42, Ser-Sim) —Italian
    (Volume 43, Sin-Spi) —Italian
  "Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Sepedi
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1983 —Italian
  Kingdom News No. 31 —Japanese
- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  Genesis (set of four; congregation and public: $6.00; pioneers: $5.00) —German
  Exodus (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —German
  Leviticus (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
  Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German
- *Examining the Scriptures Daily—1987:* Publishers and pioneers, please order your *Examining the Scriptures* booklets through the congregation. Congregations should begin collecting requests for these booklets now. Then on October 1, 1986, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). *Examining the Scriptures* booklets in other languages should be listed under "Other Language Publications," showing the quantity for each language separately as well as the year 1987. The *Examining the Scriptures* booklets will be available in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Samoan, Spanish, and Swedish. Until the *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. The *Examining the Scriptures* booklets are controlled stock items and will be charged to the literature account at 30¢ each, which is the publisher rate. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1986, may receive one free copy and obtain additional copies at 20¢ each. A separate entry should be made on the monthly remittance (S-20) showing free copies to pioneers. (See the 1986 *Cost List,* pars. 23-25.)
- The following publications are now available in grade-two English Braille:

  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Genesis through Judges; bound in durable vinyl, set of four volumes: $32.00, or $8.00 per volume, arranged as follows: Volume 1, Genesis through Exodus chapter 11; Volume 2, Exodus chapter 12 through Leviticus; Volume 3, Numbers through Deuteronomy chapter 22; Volume 4, Deuteronomy chapter 23 through Judges.)
  True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? (Four volumes. May be requested on a loan basis or purchased for $5.00.)
  Examining the Scriptures Daily—1987 (Four volumes: $5.00)
  Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1987 (Free upon request.)

  To obtain Braille publications, send separate order, including remittance if purchased, and name and address of the person that will use them. Mark order: ATTENTION: BRAILLE DESK.

Make Effective Use of New Brochure

[1] A highlight of last summer's "Divine Peace" District Convention was the release of the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide.* This new brochure was produced with the object of helping our Bible students to become acquainted with the only visible organization Jehovah is using today to accomplish his will.

[2] For many years the Society has been suggesting that at the conclusion of each Bible study we take a few minutes to discuss at least one feature or aspect of the modern theocratic organization. In this way newly interested people can more readily appreciate the significance and value of the Bible truths they are learning. The new brochure, with its many color illustrations, should prove to be most valuable in conducting these instructive discussions.

HOW TO USE IT

[3] The brochure features 15 headings, from "We Want to Be of Help" to "United in Doing God's Will." There is enough information under some of the headings for several discussions. Take time to read all the cited scriptures with the Bible student. You will find several review questions at the conclusion of most of the sections. These can be used to good advantage in highlighting the main points. Remember, though, the discussions should be brief and should not overshadow the material considered in the Bible study itself.

[4] You will want to become familiar with the brochure as soon as possible. Carry your personal copy with you in the field ministry. There may be opportunities to use it in the door-to-door work. Sincere people we meet may have heard false statements about Jehovah's Witnesses, and the brochure can be used to help correct their mistaken views of our work and beliefs. The most important use of the brochure, however, will be as a basis for discussions about the organization at the conclusion of a Bible study.

[5] One section of the brochure deals with "Meetings for Inciting to Love and Fine Works." You can use this information to emphasize the importance of Christian meetings and encourage the student to attend regularly. When talking about the Congregation Book Study, you can explain how it is conducted and show the student the publication currently being studied. Especially now you can highlight the timeliness of the information in the *True Peace* book. Since the Congregation Book Studies are conducted at a pace that allows for reading all the cited scriptures, it should be easy for even beginning students to follow along and participate in the study by reading scriptures and commenting if they wish to do so. The small groups give opportunity for all to share and to get acquainted with one another.

[6] How favored we are to be alive at this time of the end when Jehovah has restored true worship among his chosen ones here on earth. Millions are recognizing the lead of the spirit-anointed followers of Christ and are beginning to say: "We will go with you people, for we have heard that God is with you people." (Zech. 8:23) The new brochure is yet another timely instrument that we can use to help these newly interested ones continue their progress as they grow in appreciation of Jehovah's modern-day theocratic organization. Let us use it to good advantage in directing newly interested persons to Jehovah's organization.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

On Return Visits

[1] As ministers of the good news, we are commanded to make disciples. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Making return visits, therefore, is a vital part of our disciple-making work. When making return visits, we are calling on people who have shown interest in the Kingdom message. They are in need of additional spiritual nourishment in order to make advancement in the truth. They need to be made more keenly aware of their spiritual need. (1 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 5:3) Return visits afford us the opportunity to fill this need as we help people to gain wisdom from God's Word.

[2] Plan ahead. Set aside time for return visits. Many arrange to make return visits after they do house-to-house work. In addition, other arrangements can be made each week for this activity. Some find that by returning in the early evening they are more likely to find people at home and in a relaxed frame of mind, willing to listen. Can you make time for return visits in your schedule? With persistence on your part, your prospects for starting a home Bible study will be greatly increased.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

[3] Making return visits may present a challenge for some, causing them to feel apprehensive. Is this true in your case? If so, advance preparation may be the remedy. Since we are calling on those who have shown some interest, we already have a basis to start a conversation. Keeping an accurate record of what you talked about on the initial call is important. It is easier to renew interest by referring to your previous conversation and then building on it. Take note of anything they say that will provide clues as to their interests and goals in life. Then, with the help of the *Reasoning* book, prepare additional information. Bring up these points when you call again and share what you have prepared. This will show the householders that you are genuinely interested in them, encouraging them to respond to the message of hope.

[4] For others, the challenge is finding the interested person at home again. A sister left magazines with a man but for the next two years was unable to find him home. When she finally did find him, he told her he enjoyed the magazines and would like to continue receiving them. But his work schedule still made it very difficult to find him. Finally, after many attempts to make contact, the sister again found him home and ready to talk. He greeted her by asking: "What must I do to become a Witness?" He studied and is now serving as an elder. Finding such people brings real joy. It makes all our effort worthwhile. Jehovah blessed this sister's hard work. (Eccl. 11:1) He will also take notice of ours. We can enjoy similar blessings. But where can further help and encouragement be found?

[5] Service overseers can give assistance and set a fine lead in making return visits. When visiting the book study groups, they can give a talk on the importance of return visits. They can demonstrate how to start Bible studies. When working with a group in field service, they can personally help publishers make return visits and start Bible studies. If you need help in this feature of the ministry, ask your service overseer for assistance.

OUR FRUITAGE

[6] Each one who dedicates himself to Jehovah should feel a responsibility to share in the disciple-making work. If we prepare well and regularly make effective return visits, we will reap fruitage that will bring rich blessings both to ourselves 'and to those who listen to us.'—1 Tim. 4:16.

Convention Releases (*Cont'd*)

our new *Worldwide Security* book. Are you searching them out?

[5] We were delighted on Sunday morning to hear an excerpt from the new cassette tape *Kingdom Melodies* No. 7. Many are already enjoying its refreshing musical arrangements.

[6] As a happy surprise at the close of the "Divine Peace" District Convention, we learned that the Society has prepared a single-volume *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1930-1985. It will surely be an aid for research and a stimulus to our personal study!

[7] These valuable gifts through Jehovah's organization demonstrate once again that Jehovah knows what things we need in order to do his will. (Matt. 6:8) Through the faithful slave he has fully equipped us for the work ahead. May we show our support and deep appreciation by putting these fine provisions to good use.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ A new all-time peak of 61,000 publishers was reached in Argentina in May, a 14-percent increase over last year's average. They also reported a new peak of 79,026 Bible studies.

◆ Guadeloupe had a peak of 4,558 publishers in May, a 19-percent increase.

◆ Haiti had a new peak of 4,410 publishers and their fifth consecutive peak in Bible studies, with 8,006 being reported in May.

◆ Nigeria reported another new peak of 126,201 publishers for May, a 9.7-percent increase over last year's average.

Awake! Also in Full Color

[1] Beginning with its January 8, 1987, issue, *Awake!* joins *The Watchtower* as a four-color publication. In addition to making individual copies more attractive, this should enhance our presentation of the subscription offer in the future. As we anticipate a wider distribution of these two magazines in the months ahead, congregations are encouraged to increase their distributors' orders in accord with local needs. This should be done without delay.

[2] The special four-color editions of *Awake!* published last October were well received by the brothers and by the public in general. They contributed to the success of the subscription campaign at that time. Now that all issues of both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* will be in full color, we anticipate a wider distribution, with significant increases in the placement of individual copies as well as the number of subscriptions obtained.

[3] May we all share enthusiastically in the distribution of these excellent publications that continue to play a major role in making Jehovah's name known everywhere.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?:*

October 5: Pages 67* to 74*

October 12: Pages 74* to 83*

October 19: Pages 83* to 91*

October 26: Pages 91* to 98

* To or from subheading.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	256	120.6	83.4	51.0	5.9
Pios.	45,095	72.8	38.4	26.9	3.0
Aux. Pios.	31,081	60.2	30.1	16.0	1.4
Pubs.	645,533	10.0	6.9	3.7	0.5
TOTAL	721,965				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 8,073

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Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 3-9

When featuring *New World Translation*

1. Why should householder have one?
2. Why would householder want it when reading *True Peace* book?
3. What various features can be pointed out?

NOVEMBER 10-16

How would you explain picture in the *True Peace* book on

1. Page 4?
2. Page 37?
3. Page 98?

NOVEMBER 17-23

1. What can indicate a youth is spiritually progressive?
2. How can young ones be progressive in field ministry?
3. How can parents help young ones be progressive?

NOVEMBER 24-30

1. How can we pursue peace with all in territory? (Heb. 12:14)
2. How does service help us enjoy peace with God?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Lasting Happiness Only by Jehovah's Government.
Eccl. 8:9—Man's rule burdensome.
Mic. 4:3, 4—Jehovah's government brings blessings.

Peace and Security—A Reliable Hope

1 Most people today desire peace and security. But real peace, along with security, has been elusive for this world. Millions live in areas that have been devastated by war. Countless others feel that finding peace and security is hopeless because of terrorist activity or guerrilla warfare. Many fear leaving their heavily secured homes after dark when criminal elements seem to take over. Few indeed are those whose lives are tranquil.

2 Last April when we offered the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?,* over one million books were placed in the United States. As Christians we heed the command of Jesus: "Wherever you enter into a house say first, 'May this house have peace.' And if a friend of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if there is not, it will turn back to you." (Luke 10:5, 6) As representatives of the God of peace, we approach people peacefully.—Eph. 6:15.

EXAMPLES AS PEACE SEEKERS

3 Obviously, Jehovah's people must live peacefully in their communities and congregations in order to recommend a peaceful message. We must be examples of peace-seeking people. Peter wrote fellow Christians to "be found finally by him spotless and unblemished and in peace." (2 Pet. 3:14) How do we become examples as peace-seeking Christians?

4 First, we maintain peaceful relations with Jehovah, the God of peace. We recognize his authority as Supreme Sovereign, and we are obedient to his commands. (Ps. 34:14) Peace, a fruit of his spirit, must be evident in our lives.—Gal. 5:22.

5 Our example as peace-seeking Christians must also include respect for human authorities. This would include governmental authorities, schoolteachers, employers, parents, and elders. (Rom. 13:1, 2; Col. 3:22; Eph. 6:1; Heb. 13:17) By leading quiet and peaceful lives we adorn our message. We demonstrate that we want to "pursue the things making for peace and the things that are upbuilding to one another."—Rom. 14:19.

CURRENT OFFER PROMOTES PEACE

6 During November we will share our hope by offering the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* along with the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* for a contribution of $4.50. Since

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Do Your Utmost by Sharing in Full-Time Service

1 "The greater the effort, the greater the blessings," said the convention speaker. He then asked those in the pioneer section at the "Divine Peace" District Convention to raise their hands if they agreed. Do you remember the response? Next, the speaker enumerated some of the blessings that one receives by persevering in full-time service—increased spirituality, skill in using the Bible, privileges of service in God's organization, living letters of recommendation, and an improved personality, to mention a few.

2 The most important blessing one can strive for is God's approval. It is worth doing your utmost to attain, said one full-time minister, the apostle Paul. He spurred Timothy on with the words: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God." He also encouraged Timothy to obtain that approval by being "a *workman* with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright." (2 Tim. 2:15) We, too, can strive for God's approval, and pioneering will afford us the opportunity to do our utmost in the most important work being done on earth today.

FULFILL YOUR DEDICATION IN FULL-TIME SERVICE

3 Pioneering can be a most satisfying way to fulfill one's dedication to Jehovah. To be successful, pioneers must put spiritual things first in their lives. Their minds should not be loaded down with anxieties over material things to the point that they lose their efficiency. They learn to let Jehovah bear their burdens by casting all their anxieties on him. (1 Pet. 5:6, 7) One sister, after ten years of pioneering, said: "Jehovah is the one who knows my problems and can solve them. Can I serve anyone better than him?"

4 Did the convention speaker's definition of dedication cause you to think seriously about full-time

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◆ **NEW PEAK OF 744,919 PUBLISHERS IN AUGUST!** ◆

Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 2

Song 178 11/4/86

12 min: Local announcements. Encourage support of second Saturday of month magazine work on November 8. Have two capable publishers discuss talking points from magazines they plan to use on Saturday.

23 min: "Peace and Security—A Reliable Hope." Elder gives 12-minute talk covering first five paragraphs, followed by audience discussion of paragraphs 6-8. On paragraph 7, have a skilled publisher demonstrate with householder how to use suggested talking points from *True Peace* book.

10 min: Experiences in starting new home Bible studies. Elder determines who have started home Bible studies in recent months and interviews one or two publishers on how studies were started and how they are progressing.

Song 159 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 9

Song 111

12 min: Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Accounts report. Discuss August service report and local congregation's part in outstanding new peak in publishers.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *New World Translation.*" Audience discussion. Briefly demonstrate suggestions given in paragraphs 3-5. Suggest how other features of our *New World Translation* can be highlighted for householders.

13 min: An Outstanding Bible Translation. Talk. Circulation of *New World Translation* outstanding. (See *w*85 1/1 p. 17; *g*84 12/8 p. 4.) Base talk on information in *Reasoning* book, pages 276-9. Include appropriate points on how to meet objections under section "If Someone Says—" on pages 64-8 and 279.

Song 180 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 16

Song 91 DS PM 8:25

10 min: Local announcements. Theocratic News. Encourage fourth Saturday magazine day activity. Display issues to be used and provide talking points on several articles. Also inform congregation of arrangements for holiday witnessing on November 27. 8:35

15 min: "Equipped to Reason by Using Godly Knowledge." Questions and answers. 8:50 LJ

20 min: Imitating Our Generous God. Elder discusses following points and scriptures with audience. Jehovah is greatest Giver in universe: Jas. 1:17; Acts 17:25; Ps. 145:15, 16; John 3:16. We must give with right motive: Heb. 13:16; Matt. 6:1, 2. We must be concerned about one another and our families: 1 Pet. 4:9; Mark 7:11-13. Contributing to Kingdom work should be planned and, if possible, regular: 1 Cor. 16:2; compare Deuteronomy 26:10, 11. Israelites called on to contribute in organized way for many things: Num. 18:8; 1 Chron. 29:7, 9. What are some things that need our financial support today? Worldwide preaching work, Society Kingdom Hall Fund, local congregation, and so forth. Announce acknowledgment of any contributions as shown on latest statements from Society. Conclude with positive, encouraging comments. Mention local needs if any. Can be happy 100 percent of money contributed in Jehovah's organization goes to advance Kingdom interests. Jehovah blesses the generous one.—Eccl. 11:1.

Song 166 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 23

Song 123

10 min: Local announcements and "Series of Public Talks on *Worldwide Security* Book." Review talking points from magazines to be featured this week.

20 min: "Do Your Utmost by Sharing in Full-Time Service." Questions and answers. Announce December date set for elders to meet with pioneers.

15 min: Local needs or talk based on *Watchtower* article "Guard Your Mouth!" *w*86 8/15 pp. 22-3.

Song 162 and concluding prayer.

Peace and Security *(Cont'd)*

peace and security are on the minds of millions of people in this troubled world today, this offer is most timely.

[7] The first two chapters of the book contain excellent talking points. You may wish to read to the householder the first two paragraphs on page 5. Or you could refer to paragraph 11 on page 8, where God's sure promises are contrasted with what human leaders promise. See also paragraphs 28 and 29 on pages 20-1. Be sure to call back on all who show interest or take the offer, endeavoring to start a Bible study.

[8] Let us continue telling those who seek peace and security of the truly reliable hope guaranteed by Jehovah, the God of peace, teaching them how it will be accomplished through his Kingdom in the hands of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6, 7) May our example of peaceful living continue to recommend us as Christians who "seek peace and pursue it."—1 Pet. 3:10, 11.

Full-Time Service *(Cont'd)*

service? He quoted Jesus, who said: "If anyone wants to come after me, let him disown himself . . . and continually follow me." (Matt. 16:24) The apostle Paul prayed that the love of his fellow Christians might abound more and more, with a view to their being filled with righteous fruit. (Phil. 1:9-11) In your case, could this mean entering pioneer service? One sister in her 80's, after half a century of full-time service, said concerning pioneering: "What if Jesus Christ would ask you himself?"

[5] Have you thought about how pioneering can help you fulfill your dedication? If you can make room for it, the benefits are many. One young pioneer sister from the Netherlands said after just one year of pioneering: 'When you are busy serving Jehovah every day, you become more and more conscious of his purpose. Your personal relationship with him improves also because you study more and pray more intensely. You get to know Jehovah better as a Person.' Would you like to get to know Jehovah better as a Person?—John 17:3.

ELDERS TO HELP PIONEERS

[6] If a pioneer has some difficulty in meeting the hour requirement for the month, he should note the reason on the back of the Field Service Report form (S-4) now used. To give appropriate help, direction, and counsel, the elders should become familiar with the information published in the insert of the February 1978 *Our Kingdom Service*.

[7] During December the elders should arrange for a meeting of all the regular pioneers to discuss information provided by the Society especially for that meeting. It is recommended that this meeting be conducted by the presiding overseer and the service overseer. The meeting should be spiritual, practical, and encouraging—designed to meet the needs of the local pioneers. It should help them to continue doing their utmost in the full-time service.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **November:** *New World Translation* and *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* for contribution of $4.50. **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* for contribution of $2.50. New *"Look!"* brochure will be used as alternate offer for 30¢. **January and February:** Any of the following books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, Evolution* (old edition), *Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, World Government*. Congregations may request credit for all books obtained by publishers and pioneers. The pioneer rate for the pocket-size books for this campaign is 30¢ each for regular and special pioneers. Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James,* and *Holy Spirit* may be ordered from Brooklyn.

- Selective Service regulations require that all men register for the draft when reaching 18 years of age. All of those required to do so should take care of the matter promptly, viewing it as a Christian's obligation to the superior authorities. Elders will want to have this in mind when young brothers are nearing the age of 18 and give them appropriate reminders. Questions as to the young Christian's responsibilities in this regard may be answered by the elders.

- The Society has produced a new 32-page booklet for the special purpose of helping persons of Hindu background. The title of the booklet is *Victory Over Death—Is It Possible for You?* (*vi*). Congregations that have English-speaking persons with this background in their territory may wish to order a small supply of these booklets. As these become available in other languages, announcement will be made.

- Congregations should begin ordering the *1987 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses* on their November literature orders. (See the 1986 *Cost List,* paragraphs 7-10 for the date you should submit your order.) The *Yearbook* will be available in Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. Until the *Yearbook* is available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. *Yearbooks* are controlled stock items (See the *Cost List,* paragraphs 23-25.) and will cost $1.00 for congregation and public; 50¢ for pioneers. (*Yearbooks* in Italian will cost $1.50 for congregation and public; 75¢ for pioneers.) Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1986, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit.

- New Publications Available:

Sing Praises to Jehovah (Large size) —Finnish, French, German, Norwegian, Spanish

Sing Praises to Jehovah (Small size) —Danish, Finnish, French, German, Norwegian, Spanish

True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It? —German, Korean

United in Worship of the Only True God —Cibemba, Hungarian

Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace" —Croatian, Danish, Dutch, German, Hungarian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Faroese, Greenlandic

Jehovah's Witnesses—Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide —Croatian, Danish, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

"Look! I Am Making All Things New" (Brochure) —Croatian, Danish, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish

The Divine Name That Will Endure Forever —Croatian

The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Malagasy, Sango

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

Job (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —German

Leviticus (set of two; congregation and public: $3.00; pioneers: $2.50) —Italian

- Out of Stock in the U.S.A.:

Margolis Bible —English

Life Does Have a Purpose —English

Equipped to Reason by Using Godly Knowledge

1 The apostle Paul was equipped to reason by using godly knowledge. Acts 17:17 says that "he began to reason in the synagogue with the Jews . . . and every day in the marketplace with those who happened to be on hand." To the Corinthians he wrote that their spiritual weapons were "powerful by God," enabling Christians to 'overturn reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God.'—2 Cor. 10:4, 5.

2 We, too, are equipped with powerful information, enabling us to reason with whomever we happen to meet in our ministry. Like Paul, we meet people with many religious persuasions, philosophies, ideologies, and human theories. Paul invited them to reason, and we can do the same.

BY USING *REASONING* BOOK

3 Our *Reasoning* book helps us to have confidence in speaking with people. It contains the facts that are necessary to help individuals reach proper conclusions and make sound decisions. Thus, we can courageously speak with individuals regardless of their education or background. For example, if a controversial subject such as hellfire or neutrality comes up, we can simply say: "Recently I read something on that subject, and I would like to share it with you." Then we can bring out our *Reasoning* book and carry on a conversation based on the contents. With the *Reasoning* book we can feel relaxed about discussing nearly any subject a person may bring up. Always having our *Reasoning* book with us in field service, ready for use, will help us to be "equipped for every good work."—2 Tim. 3:17.

IMPORTANCE OF CONVERSING

4 We need to do more than just preach to people; we need to reason with them so that they will see why our message is important, why it applies to them, and how it affects them personally. To do this effectively, we need to put people at ease so they will listen to the Kingdom message. Our ability to converse in a natural manner with a sincere desire to help others learn the truth can make us successful in our ministry. Being familiar with the *Reasoning* book can help us achieve these goals.

5 Jesus recognized and responded to the desperate spiritual needs of the people. We need to be motivated in the same way. Because of personal pursuit of material things and the exclusion of spiritual interests, men have become wayward in their thinking, resulting in mental, emotional, and physical breakdown. (1 Tim. 6:9) We can provide the help that is needed by using our *Reasoning* book, which assists us to converse on many major topics of life, such as marriage and family problems, abortion, drugs, and other difficulties people may face. For instance, one sister used the *Reasoning* book on a return visit to discuss the subject of marriage, since the young couple she was calling on were living together without being married. On her next visit a Bible study was started, and the young couple stated that as a result of their previous discussion, they had made plans to legalize their union.

6 We are interested in reaching the hearts of people. Our warm and sincere approach can help us do this. Proverbs 16:24 says: "Pleasant sayings are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and a healing to the bones." Our *Reasoning* book can help us to present the Kingdom message in a skillful and appealing way, attracting honesthearted ones to the truth.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the *New World Translation*

¹ God's Word exerts tremendous power upon its hearers. Look what it has done for us. What it says is more powerful than anything that men can devise or speak. (Heb. 4:12) Truly, its worth is beyond compare!

² Even though the Bible is the world's best-seller, there are many homes without one. And among those who do have a Bible, many do not read it. Some translations are difficult to understand. So getting a modern-language translation may be just the thing that will encourage more people to read God's Word. Their use of the *New World Translation* can aid them in getting the sense of the Scriptures. Can you help others to benefit from it? The month of November will afford us a fine opportunity to do so. Here are some suggestions you may wish to use in presenting the Bible along with the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?*

³ One way to highlight the value of the *New World Translation* is by featuring the section "Bible Topics for Discussion." For instance, you could say: "The Bible has much to say about the lasting happiness that Jehovah's government will bring. To illustrate, notice how helpful the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* is in its 'Bible Topics for Discussion' section. Here under the subject 'Earth' some fine scripture references are found. See how long peace will exist under that government." (Read Psalm 72:7 and Isaiah 9:6, 7 under the subheading "A. God's purpose for the earth.") "Other fine topics are found in this section of the Bible. May I leave the Bible and this book with you for a contribution of $4.50?" Of course, other Bible topics can be selected depending on what you feel is appropriate for the occasion.

⁴ If you find that a householder has only a few minutes to converse, you could briefly discuss the Topic for Conversation but take the time to read the scriptures. Thereafter, show him the index of books in the front of the Bible. You could also say: "You will notice that the Bible I have uses language that is easy to understand." Then show the book and make the offer for the suggested contribution.

⁵ Another outstanding feature of the *New World Translation* that will help its reader to get a clear understanding of many scriptures is the 92-page index of Bible words. After having used the Topic for Conversation, you could illustrate its value this way: "There seems to be little peace today even within families. The rising divorce rate is evidence of this. Some married couples do not seem to be able to get along together. But the Bible has valuable counsel on how happiness can be obtained in the home. Note how helpful the index of Bible words is in the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Under the subject 'Husband(s)' some good Scriptural references are given. Consider what it mentions about a husband and a wife." (Refer to Ephesians 5:25 and 1 Peter 3:1.) "This helpful aid can be yours along with the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?* They are just $4.50."

⁶ Not to be overlooked are the valuable features found in the appendix of the *New World Translation*. The table of the books of the Bible is also very useful and provides interesting facts regarding each book—the writer, the place where it was written, when writing was completed, and the time period covered.

⁷ Of course, to present the Bible effectively requires preparation. Take a few minutes to consider what feature of the *New World Translation* you could highlight to show its practical value. Speak with sincerity and conviction and help others to benefit from the powerful influence it can have on their lives.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	197	125.1	90.0	53.8	5.6
Pios.	45,786	62.0	31.4	22.8	2.9
Aux. Pios.	33,642	59.8	28.4	15.9	1.4
Pubs.	665,294	9.9	6.7	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	744,919				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,411

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?*:

November 2:	Pages 99 to 106*
November 9:	Pages 106* to 113
November 16:	Pages 114 to 118*
November 23:	Pages 118* to 124*
November 30:	Pages 124* to 131*

* To or from subheading.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Netherlands reported 781 auxiliary pioneers for June, a 27-percent increase over the same month one year ago. Regular pioneer ranks have also grown with 968 reporting, a 20-percent increase.

◆ Réunion had a 23-percent increase in June with a new peak of 1,151 publishers.

◆ South Africa reported a new peak of 39,259 publishers in June. They reached their tenth consecutive peak in regular pioneers with 2,843 pioneers reporting.

◆ Spain had a new all-time peak of 65,334 publishers during June. They also rejoice over a new peak of 934 congregations.

◆ Taiwan had its best report in ten years with 1,181 publishers reporting in June. They conducted a new peak of 1,557 studies. Congregation publishers averaged 10.5 hours, the best ever in Taiwan.

Series of Public Talks on *Worldwide Security* Book

¹ With joy we all received at this year's "Divine Peace" District Convention the new Bible study aid *Worldwide Security Under the "Prince of Peace."* At that time we learned that it has been especially prepared for use at our Congregation Book Studies.

² So that all will get the most benefit from this new Bible study aid, the Society has arranged to have the information covered in a series of six public talks from January 18 through February 22. All should resolve not to miss a single one of these talks that will encourage the reading of this book by some who may not already have done so. And the talks will further impress important points on the minds of those who have read the book. It is truly a book filled with timely spiritual food for consideration at our Congregation Book Studies in the near future.

³ Following are the titles of the talks and the chapters of the *Worldwide Security* book on which they will be based:

1—The Ruling "Prince of Peace" Liberates His People (chapters 1-4)

2—The Present Urgent Need to "Keep on the Watch" (chapters 5-8)

3—Divine Covenants That Near Accomplishment (chapters 9-12)

4—The "Great Crowd" Survive Christendom's Destruction (chapters 13-16)

5—Jehovah's Loyal Ones Witness His Triumph at Armageddon (chapters 17-19)

6—Jehovah Becomes "All Things to Everyone" Universally (chapters 20-22)

⁴ Thorough preparation will be required in order to ensure effective teaching and spirited delivery of the material. Hence, these talks should be given only by better-qualified speakers.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 1-7

How will you offer the *Bible Stories* book

1. To a young person?
2. To a parent or older person?

DECEMBER 8-14

How can the *Bible Stories* book help

1. Young people?
2. Improve family life?

DECEMBER 15-21

During the holidays how can we

1. Respond to greetings?
2. Show consideration if householder has guests?
3. Stress the Kingdom?

DECEMBER 22-28

How can you use the *"Look!"* brochure

1. When book offer is refused?
2. To start a Bible study?

DECEMBER 29–JANUARY 4

Featuring the magazines

1. What articles will you use?
2. Why is it good to be specific?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Peace on Earth a Sure Promise!

Ps. 46:8, 9—Only God can end war.

Ps. 72:7—Assurance of unending peace.

Do You Appreciate Their Value?

1 It was a thrilling moment when the speaker at the 1978 "Victorious Faith" International Convention released the new Bible study aid *My Book of Bible Stories*. Its potential for teaching the Bible to young and old alike was quickly recognized. Adults were pleased to learn that the stories are in chronological order. This has helped many to become acquainted with the sequence of Bible events.

2 One mother whose three-year-old son had a very short attention span was pleasantly surprised to see him quietly "studying" the book for 20 minutes. It soon became a practice with him. A young couple began teaching their son from the *Bible Stories* book shortly after they had begun to study the Bible. On one occasion, when the family was about to eat a meal, the boy refused to eat until a prayer was said.

3 Since the *Bible Stories* book was first released over eight years ago, 23 million copies have been printed in 66 languages. We appreciate the value of this fine Bible study aid and are in a good position to offer it wholeheartedly to young and old alike during December.

"LOOK!" BROCHURE

4 Jehovah presented us with another treasure this past summer in the form of the new brochure *"Look! I Am Making All Things New."* A pioneer sister from Texas who was having difficulty starting studies recently wrote: 'By just letting the householder see the beautiful cover picture, discussing it, showing the scriptures at the bottom of page 4, then reading the first four paragraphs, you have started a study!'

MAKING THE OFFER

5 When working in your area, you might say: "As a neighbor of yours, I would like to share some good news about a reliable promise that soon there will be peace worldwide. Isn't that something you would like to see? [Pause for reply.] We have all observed the efforts of men to accomplish this goal. But notice who it is that the Bible says will bring lasting peace. [Read Psalm 46:8, 9.] Once war and those who promote it are gone, never again will God permit hostility on the earth. We are assured of this by the words of the inspired writer of Psalm 72:7. [Read.] The ones God will preserve to live on a peaceful earth will be those who have learned about him and who serve him. *My Book of Bible Stories* has helped many people to do that. I am sure you will be greatly encouraged by reading it. This copy can be yours for a contribution of just $2.50."

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'Go Make Disciples!'—Do You?

1 One of the greatest joys you can have as a Kingdom publisher is to help someone take in accurate knowledge of the truth. As the person grows in knowledge and appreciation, your heart will swell with joy and gratitude to Jehovah. We are fully aware that while we share in planting and watering the seeds of truth, it is Jehovah who makes them grow. However, what a thrill it is to have a part in directing an honesthearted one onto the road to life!—1 Cor. 3:6-9.

2 Are you a family head? If so, are you regularly conducting a Bible study with your family? This is a very important matter. Family heads are responsible before Jehovah to instruct and guide their family members in the way of life. (Deut. 6:4-7; Eph. 5:25-29; 1 Tim. 5:8) By all means, shoulder your responsibility to make disciples of them.

3 In addition to your family Bible study, can you also conduct a study with someone else? A more important question may be: Do you recognize the privilege and responsibility that is yours to teach someone else the truth in obedience to Jesus' command? (Matt. 28:19, 20) It would appear that many more publishers in the United States could conduct a home Bible study. In some areas it takes real persistence to obtain a study. Repeated return visits are necessary. Maybe you have tried but just have not been able to find someone that is willing to study. What can you do?

ATTITUDE IMPORTANT

4 You might start by asking yourself: What is my attitude toward the Bible study work? Do I really want a study? Do I look upon this part of the ministry as important and lifesaving, realizing that the majority of people in the world are 'dead in their trespasses'?—Eph. 2:1.

5 Publishers and pioneers alike have written to the Society telling how Jehovah answered their fervent prayer when they asked him

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 30

Song 108

10 min: Appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry* and local announcements. Encourage all who can to share in the field service on the first Sunday of the month.

20 min: "Do You Appreciate Their Value?" Questions and answers. Demonstrate presentations in paragraphs 5 and 6. Encourage all to have a share in presenting the *Bible Stories* book and *"Look!"* brochure this weekend.

15 min: "Accelerating the Kingdom Hall Construction Program." Question-and-answer consideration of first nine paragraphs of insert. Draw attention to benefits congregation will receive from adjustments in the Kingdom Hall construction program. Encourage congregation's continued support of Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

Song 211 and concluding prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 7

Song 72

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage support of magazine work on Saturday, December 13. Demonstrate a 60-second presentation featuring an article in either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!*

20 min: "'Go Make Disciples!'—Do You?" Question-and-answer consideration of article. Emphasize the importance of a right attitude, constant prayer for Jehovah's help, putting forth the effort to find a study, and a willingness to be used by Jehovah to help someone else learn the truth. Conclude with four-minute demonstration of publisher approaching service overseer and saying he appreciates the suggestions just discussed and will apply them. Asks if service overseer can help him in any additional ways. Service overseer determines that publisher has been making placements of *"Look!"* brochure in the house-to-house work and asks if he feels it would help him if someone went with him while making return visits and trying to start a study. Publisher agrees. Service overseer assures him that he will be glad to make such arrangements. Also, when service overseer visits his Congregation Book Study, he would like to work with him in making return visits in an effort to be of further assistance to him. Publisher expresses appreciation. Service overseer suggests that publisher might also approach neighbors, relatives, workmates, or schoolmates in his effort to start a study. If he sees new ones at the Kingdom Hall, he might approach them to see if they have a study. LA

15 min: "Accelerating the Kingdom Hall Construction Program." Question-and-answer consideration of paragraphs 10 through 20. Read all paragraphs. Draw attention to pictures of Kingdom Halls that have been built in different states.

Song 53 and concluding prayer.

KW + RJ

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 14

Song 130 TR

13 min: Local announcements. Accounts report. Draw attention to contributions sent to the Society and to the Society's Kingdom Hall Fund. Read the paragraph under Announcements having to do with these contributions and assure the brothers that their contributions in support of the Kingdom work are very much appreciated.

PM

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—During the Holidays." Questions and answers. Demonstrate suggested presentations. Announce regular arrangements for group witnessing, as well as those for December 25 and January 1. Encourage all who can to have a full share in the witness work during the holidays.

ART W

15 min: Local needs. Or talk on "Must You Be in the Limelight?" from September 1, 1986, issue of *The Watchtower*.

Song 54 and concluding prayer.

LA + JM

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 21

Song 101 BB

13 min: Local announcements. Include encouragement for field service with magazines on the fourth Saturday. Demonstrate two model 60-second magazine presentations suitable for your local territory. One of them should be simple enough for a child to use. Share an experience or two from the congregation's work in holiday witnessing and encourage participation in group witnessing on December 25 and January 1.

17 min: A Sure Hope for Our Youth. After brief introduction, elder invites two or three exemplary young publishers to platform and discusses with them material in cover articles of November 8 *Awake!* Youths express own optimistic outlook in harmony with articles. May include appropriate points from "Young People Ask . . . " article in same issue.

15 min: Go On Making Progress. (Phil. 3:16) Talk by presiding overseer. Commend congregation for its activity in the ministry and the ways in which the brothers have been showing love. (2 Thess. 1:3) Invite all to consider ways to expand personal ministry. (See *om,* chapter 9.) Include expressions of commendation and warm appreciation for progress being made by regular and auxiliary pioneers. To help regular pioneers further, a meeting was held with them earlier in month. Conclude with heartfelt motivation to continue to "declare abroad the kingdom of God."—Luke 9:60.

Song 123 and concluding prayer.

WA

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 28

Song 46 DS

TALK & Sp

12 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News. Invite all to share in field service on first Sunday of the month. Especially encourage new ones to share and parents to work with their children. E.

15 min: "Benefiting More From the Theocratic Ministry School." Talk by school overseer encouraging appreciation for school and drawing attention to arrangements for the school during the coming year. Encourage enrollment by those who qualify.

18 min: "Contributions That Make the Heart Happy." Talk on article in December 1, 1986, issue of *The Watchtower*. Make local application.

Song 118 and concluding prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *True Peace and Security—How Can You Find It?:*

December 7:	Pages 131* to 139*
December 14:	Pages 139* to 145
December 21:	Pages 146 to 151
December 28:	Pages 152 to 159*

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Accelerating the Kingdom Hall Construction Program

[1] Those who exert themselves in doing good things for others prove to be real 'neighbors.' (Luke 10:36, 37) Like the Samaritan benefactor in Jesus' illustration, Jehovah's Witnesses expend much of their strength, their time, and their material resources in helping others. During the past few years such neighborly spirit has been outstandingly manifested throughout this country in the Kingdom Hall building program.

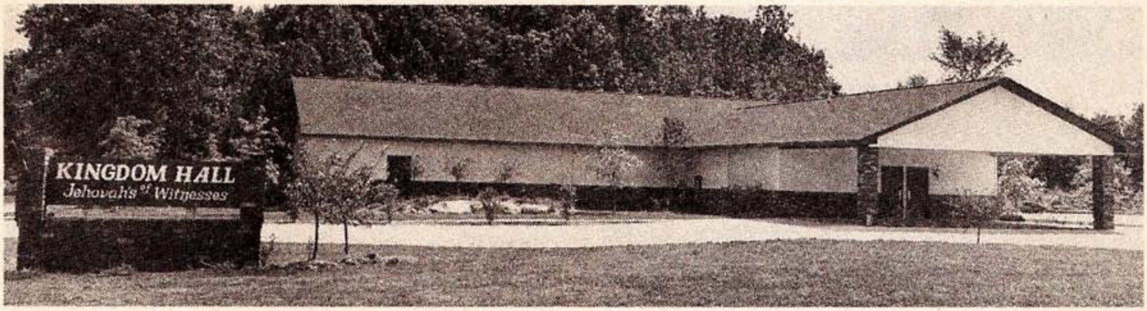
[2] As Jehovah has continued to 'speed up' the work and to give the increase, in the United States the 1986 service year ended with 207 more congregations than there were the previous year. (Isa. 60:22) Happily, the loving concern shown by so many of Jehovah's people has helped to provide some of the Kingdom Halls needed for the growing number of congregations. The fine support given to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund has been very much appreciated, as have the efforts of the thousands who have volunteered their time and skills to assist in constructing new Kingdom Halls and renovating others.—Ps. 110:3; John 13:35.

[3] The generous giving of the brothers has made it possible for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund to assist in the construction of 244 new Kingdom Halls in all 48 states under the United States branch. These are accommodating over 370 congregations. During the past year alone, financial assistance has been provided for 132 new Kingdom Hall projects. (Some of these are shown in this insert.) Congregations that may not have been able to obtain financing otherwise have been aided. Many other congregations have constructed or renovated additional Kingdom Halls by making their own financial arrangements.

[4] Even though much has been accomplished in providing new and improved Kingdom Hall facilities, a pressing need remains. A recent survey indicates that over 200 additional new Kingdom Halls are needed now. More will be required to accommodate future growth. Thus, arrangements are being made to accelerate our Kingdom Hall building program. As more contributions are received, other congregations will be able to obtain loans through the Society Kingdom Hall Fund.

SOCIETY-APPOINTED REGIONAL BUILDING COMMITTEES

[5] As a means of accelerating the Kingdom Hall construction program, the Society is now appointing elders to serve on Regional Building Committees to assist with Kingdom Hall construction. Many of these spiritually qualified brothers have secular experience in construction, real estate, business, safety, and other related fields. Thus, they are in a position to offer valuable guidance from the beginning to the completion of a project, whether it involves new construction or renovating buildings for use as Kingdom Halls. These committees are now being provided



Michigan—**Quickly built with assistance from Society Kingdom Hall Fund**

KINGDOM HALLS CONSTRUCTED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM SOCIETY KINGDOM HALL FUND

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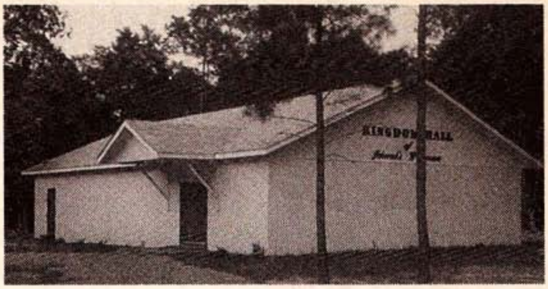
Pennsylvania



South Carolina

KINGDOM HALL
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Minnesota

Mississippi

Wisconsin

Virginia

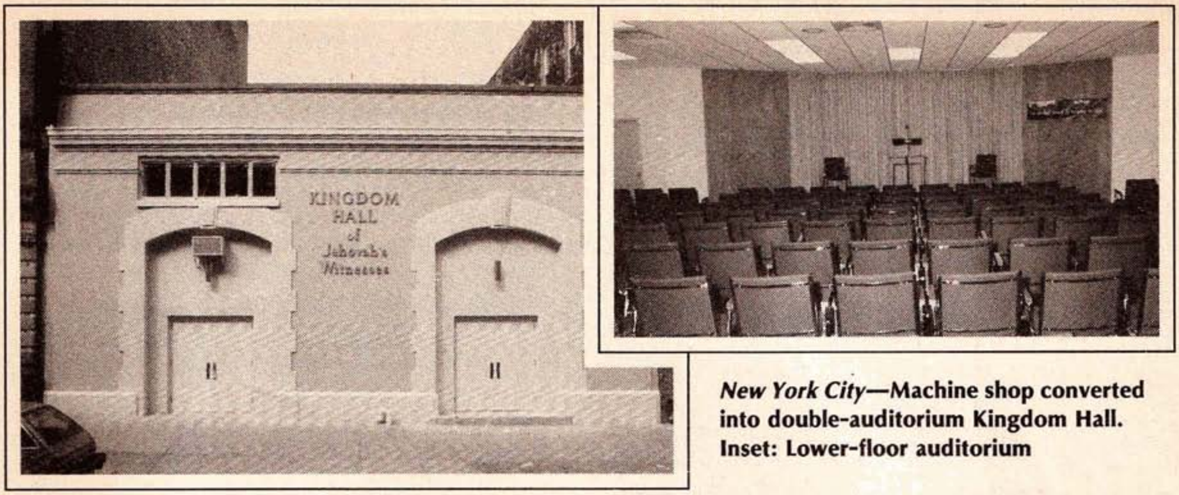
with guidelines from the Society. Each committee is being assigned a certain number of circuits to assist with Kingdom Hall projects. The circuit overseer will be advising the local elders how they may contact the appropriate committee when there is a need.

[6] If a congregation contemplates undertaking a new construction or major renovation project and desires assistance from the Regional Building Committee, their contacting this committee *before* purchasing property or selecting a plan can help avoid costly pitfalls. Where a construction project is being undertaken in a city having more than one congregation, the selection of property may also be discussed with the circuit overseer(s), the city overseer, and possibly other local elders. This may aid in choosing a site that will not only benefit the congregation(s) involved in the present project but also relieve overcrowded conditions in neighboring Kingdom Halls and allow for future growth in the general area. Even in less densely populated areas, a location can often be selected that can serve two or more congregations.

CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURE

[7] Usually the 'quick-build' method of construction is preferred by the Regional Building Committees. Experience has shown that there are many advantages to this method. It has also shown that existing procedures can be further refined.

[8] We have learned many things about building Kingdom Halls in recent years. Already, many persons have been trained to help with the work. So now there can be an acceleration



***New York City*—Machine shop converted into double-auditorium Kingdom Hall. Inset: Lower-floor auditorium**

of the building program. We are also in a position to simplify some of the procedures so as to accomplish the most good in a short period of time and with a reduced number of workers.

[9] The Society recommends that skilled workers be scheduled as their particular trades are needed during the period of construction. Usually the other volunteers needed for a particular project can be obtained from the congregations in the local area, and they also may be scheduled to work at certain times. This means fewer people will be on the construction site at any one time. More of the brothers will be able to be with their families and their home congregations and share in field service activities for portions of the construction weekend. Having a limited number of persons on the construction site is recommended not only for safety reasons but also out of consideration for the congregation, which has the burden of providing food, rooming, and other accommodations. Those who have not been scheduled to assist with a particular project are encouraged to support the spiritual activities in their own congregations. —See December 1985 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* page 6, paragraph 14.

DESIGNS

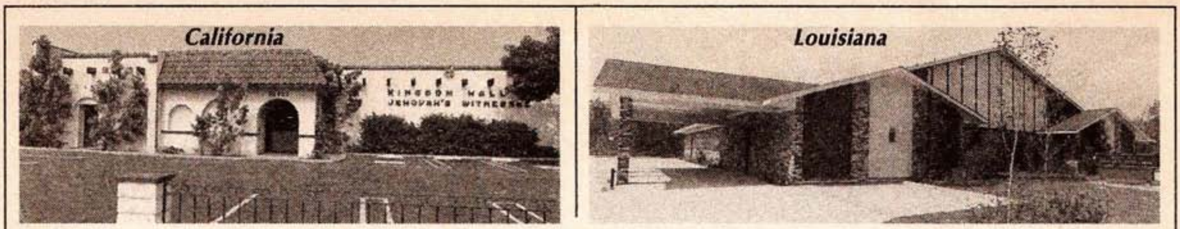
[10] There is a need to be judicious in selecting building designs so as to avoid placing an unnecessary burden on either the local brothers or the resources of the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. While we plan for our Kingdom Halls to be attractive in appearance, it is appropriate that they be simple and functional rather than pretentious. We are happy to inform you that for this reason the Society has produced a variety of new Kingdom Hall designs that are available to congregations involved in building projects. These will be provided to the elders upon written request to the Kingdom Hall Desk.

[11] Give careful thought to selecting a plan that will accommodate the present needs of the congregation(s) and allow for a reasonable amount of growth. All factors should be carefully weighed so as to build a hall that is neither unnecessarily large nor too small.

[12] In some rare instances, it may be advisable for congregation elders to consult a local attorney experienced in zoning matters before proceeding with plans for the actual construction of a Kingdom Hall. While this may be an added expense, it could save the congregation extra costs later. In communities where the brothers know in advance that their project will be viewed favorably by the local city departments, this legal assistance will likely not be needed. However, where a congregation anticipates that problems will arise, it might be the course of wisdom at the outset to seek competent legal counsel locally.

PROGRESSIVELY MEETING THE NEED

[13] How can a congregation know when it qualifies for assistance from the Society



Double-auditorium Kingdom Halls

Kingdom Hall Fund to build a *new* Kingdom Hall? Periodically the Society arranges for surveys to be taken to determine which congregations have the greatest need for a new Kingdom Hall. Priorities are determined on the basis of the surveys made, plus other relevant factors. Then, as funds become available, the Society progressively initiates correspondence with such congregations. However, if a congregation faces an emergency situation, the elders should feel free to contact the Society regarding its need.

14 If a congregation has in mind *renovating or enlarging an existing Kingdom Hall,* it may be guided by what was stated a year ago, namely: "Congregations faced with urgent remodeling or repair needs can contact the Society, since some funding is available for such projects from time to time on a limited basis."—See *Our Kingdom Ministry,* December 1985, insert, paragraph 7.

15 If congregations are in a position to move forward with their construction projects because locally they are financially able, there is no objection to their doing so.

THE NEED IS URGENT

16 The principal meeting place used by congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses is the Kingdom Hall. It thus plays an important role in the growth of true worship. As dedicated witnesses of Jehovah, taught by him, we regularly assemble together "to incite to love and fine works." (Heb. 10:24) What a blessing it is to see increasing numbers of people joining with us because they, too, want to be instructed by Jehovah and walk in his ways! (Isa. 2:3) In course of time, this continuing growth calls for the building of even more Kingdom Halls.

17 The Society is aware that the economic situation today has made it difficult for some congregations to acquire adequate facilities for their meetings and that there is an urgent need to assist these congregations. This is one reason why the Society Kingdom Hall Fund was set up to help congregations in financing construction of needed Kingdom Halls.

18 The generosity of the brothers in contributing to the Society Kingdom Hall Fund is particularly noteworthy and contrasts sharply with the world's selfish "me-first" attitude. These contributions are an expression of brotherly affection and love, and they give evidence that we are interested in those "related to us in the faith" and want to do good for one another. Such fine qualities along with our positive action on behalf of others have a sure reward: "For if these things exist in you and overflow, they will prevent you from being either inactive or unfruitful regarding the accurate knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Gal. 6:10; 2 Pet. 1:7, 8.

19 Do you remember how Jehovah's people responded to King David's appeal and contributed generously to build 'the house of Jehovah'? 1 Chronicles 29:6-9 says that "the people gave way to rejoicing over their making voluntary offerings, for it was with a complete heart that they made voluntary offerings to Jehovah." That same spirit motivates Christians today to continue showing concern for their brothers and sisters in other congregations that need adequate Kingdom Hall facilities.

20 Giving of our time and resources to assist in providing new Kingdom Halls is a fine way to honor Jehovah. (Prov. 3:9) Sharing in an effort to help other congregations to obtain needed Kingdom Halls is in harmony with 2 Corinthians 8:14, 15, which mentions that "an equalizing" takes place. Let it be our constant prayer that Jehovah will continue to bless and direct our efforts in this activity to his praise.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for **December:** *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50. The new *"Look!"* brochure can also be offered for a contribution of 30¢. **January and February**: Any of the following books for a contribution of 50¢: *Choosing, Commentary on James, "Eternal Purpose," Evolution* (old edition), *Holy Spirit, Life Does Have a Purpose, Peace and Security* (old edition), *This Life, Truth,* and *World Government*. Congregations may request credit for all the old books placed by publishers and pioneers. (See November *Our Kingdom Ministry*.) Supplies of *Choosing, Commentary on James, Holy Spirit,* and *Truth* may be ordered from Brooklyn. If there are older booklets on hand in the congregation, these may also be presented in the field service. **March**: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* for a contribution of $2.50.

- During November many congregations and circuits have sent contributions to the Society to help with the Kingdom work in this country and others. Many have also sent contributions for the Society Kingdom Hall Fund. Your support of the work of Kingdom expansion is sincerely appreciated by the Society. You can be sure that it is appreciated also by your brothers and sisters in this land and others who are likewise supporting the Kingdom work by their labors of love and material contributions. "May Jehovah reward the way you act."—Ruth 2:12.

- The presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation's accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- It is suggested that all congregations display the new yeartext by January 1, 1987.

- The special public talk for the 1987 Memorial season will be given worldwide on Sunday, March 29. The subject of this talk will be "What Is Your Relationship With God?" An outline will be provided as soon as possible. Those congregations having the visit of the circuit overseer or a circuit assembly scheduled that week will have the special talk the following week. No congregation should have the special talk before March 29.

- Congregations should begin ordering bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1986 on their December literature orders. (See the 1986 *Cost List*, paragraphs 7-10, for the date you should submit your order.) The bound volumes will be available in Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish. Until the bound volumes are available and shipments are made, these will appear as "Back Ordered" on congregation invoices. Bound volumes are controlled stock items (see the *Cost List*, paragraphs 23-25) and will be charged at $5.00 each for congregation, public, and pioneers.

- New Publications Available:

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures—With References (*Rbi8*) —German

Tanakh Bible (1985, Jewish Publication Society; congregation and public: $19.95; pioneers: $14.00) —English

Aid to Bible Understanding (Volume 6, Ni-Ri) —French

God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —Turkish

Survival Into a New Earth —Cibemba, Croatian

United in Worship of the Only True God —Arabic, Chichewa, New Guinea Pidgin, Ukrainian

Watch Tower Publications Index for 1930-1985 (congregation and public: $7.00; pioneers: $4.50) —English

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Large size) —Malayalam, Tamil

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth (Small size) —Cebuano

Bible Topics for Discussion —Indonesian

The Government That Will Bring Paradise —Gujarati, Hindi, Lifou, Malayalam, Marathi

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

Album of Hebrew Scriptures—Volume 2, *First of Samuel* to *Psalms* (set of 21 cassettes in album; congregation and public: $33.25; pioneers: $21.50) —English

Numbers (set of three; congregation and public: $4.50; pioneers: $3.75) —German

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Benefiting More From the Theocratic Ministry School

1 Throughout the 43 years of its operation, the Theocratic Ministry School has proved to be a success. It has helped us to be more effective when making public declaration at the meetings and in the field ministry. Thousands of brothers throughout the earth have been trained to be skilled public speakers.

2 What about you personally? Are you taking full advantage of the school? Has your 'advancement become manifest' in the field ministry and in your meeting assignments? (1 Tim. 4:15) Do you have a continuing desire to improve in your ability to speak "delightful" and "winsome" words?—Eccl. 12:10; Luke 4:22.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED

3 According to the 1987 Theocratic Ministry School Schedule, Talk No. 1 will be based on material in the book *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial."* Speakers assigned to give this talk should stick to the material specified so as to cover the main points. Some of the written review questions are based on this material. Only ten minutes is allotted for the instruction talk, and this does not permit bringing in extraneous points or information not directly related to the subject.

4 As to "Highlights From Bible Reading," this should not just be a summary. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, the speaker should help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is valuable to us. Theocratic Ministry School overseers should remind speakers of this if necessary.

PROGRESSIVE TRAINING

5 You may be thinking that you do not have the ability to speak as others do. Even so, most of us have the God-given ability to speak, and with Jehovah's help we can all progress in speaking the truth more effectively. Educationally speaking, many of us, like the apostles, may be "unlettered and ordinary." (Acts 4:13) Nonetheless, if we want to progress, we can be trained to speak the truth accurately and with confidence. Remember, the light of truth continues to get brighter. Our understanding of it gets clearer and clearer. The Theocratic Ministry School can help us to keep pace with advancing truth and equip us to speak "the word of God with boldness."—Acts 4:31.

6 Each week we have a scheduled program of preparatory study. We should do our best to follow this schedule, since all the material cannot be covered in the assigned talks. We benefit from being in attendance, listening to the presentations by the students, and considering the counsel given. We can benefit further if we put the material into application in the field ministry and in our own meeting assignments.

7 Since 1971 we have been using the excellent reference book *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook*. Have you become thoroughly familiar with it? The *School Guidebook* provides a basis for counseling the students. It can also help you in preparing and presenting your school assignments. When you have an assignment to prepare, do you use the *School Guidebook* to study the points of counsel that you should be working on, and do you keep these in mind while preparing your assignment? Is it clearly evident to you and to others that you are benefiting from the school?

8 By having an active share in the Theocratic Ministry School, we will allow Jehovah to 'teach us his ways.' (Ps. 25:4, 9) Then, as we speak the truth fearlessly, it will be seen that we have "the tongue of the taught ones" because we take full advantage of the Theocratic Ministry School—a loving provision from Jehovah.—Isa. 50:4.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

During the Holidays

[1] During this time of year many people are desperately trying to enjoy some happiness amid the cares of this world. Have you ever felt a negative attitude about trying to witness to such people during this period of obvious preoccupation? Despite the abuses and excesses prevalent during the holiday season, the minds of many are turned to God as they hear the oft-repeated phrase "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

[2] We will no doubt meet many people who are genuinely busy during the holidays. This will require consideration on our part. When Jesus was on earth, he not only recognized the feelings of others and felt pity for them but also recognized their need and endeavored to help them. God-fearing people today have the same need for the Kingdom message.—Matt. 9:36, 37.

[3] When a householder comes to the door, try to be aware of the circumstances in the home and to be considerate. Is he busy entertaining guests or in the midst of elaborate preparations? Then it may be best to make your presentation brief. However, in another case you may discern that a person is not really busy, and by showing kindness and a sincere personal interest in the individual, you may be able to proceed tactfully with a witness.

WHAT COULD YOU SAY?

[4] After a friendly introduction, you might say: "Much is being said these days about peace on earth and goodwill toward men. Have you ever wondered if real peace on earth will come, and if so, how it will be brought about?" Allow householder to reply, and then proceed with the current Topic for Conversation and the literature offer.

[5] If you sense that a briefer presentation would be appropriate, you might say: "At this time of year, we find many people thinking about the birth of Jesus. That was a most important event. May I show you what the Bible says about another very important event—the coming of God's Kingdom? It was Jesus himself who said . . . [Read Matthew 6:33.]." Then offer the householder the current offer, featuring a point about the Kingdom.

[6] If people wish us a happy holiday, there is no need to make an issue over their holiday greetings. Rather, we can briefly thank them for their kindness and time in listening to us. Of course, if they specifically ask us how we feel about the holidays, we will answer truthfully and respectfully. The *Reasoning* book provides some excellent information on pages 176-8 that will help you.

SHOW CONSIDERATION

[7] On Christmas Day and New Year's Day we can show consideration by not calling too early. Instead of disturbing those who want to sleep late on those days, it may be more appropriate for us to begin our house-to-house activity a little later than usual. Or we could start our service by making some return visits on those we know are in a position to receive us. We appreciate the wisdom of the apostle Paul's counsel: "In every way we recommend ourselves as God's ministers."—2 Cor. 6:4.

[8] Many good experiences have resulted from sharing in holiday witnessing. However, there will be a need for all of us to be tactful and to present the message of truth in a way that appeals to the heart and mind of the householder. Remember Paul's counsel at Colossians 4:6, and "let your utterance be always with graciousness, seasoned with salt." This fine counsel is especially appropriate during the holidays.

Appreciate Value *(Cont'd)*

[6] If the householder already has the *Bible Stories* book or if it would be more appropriate to offer the *"Look!"* brochure, you might use the suggestion given in paragraph 4. Or you may point out one of the subheadings in the brochure that you believe would be of interest to the householder. The *"Look!"* brochure is designed especially for starting new Bible studies. So when you show the householder the subjects discussed, direct attention also to the questions at the bottom of the page, the scriptures cited, and the Bible-based answers in the paragraphs. You may be able to start a study on the initial visit.

[7] We thank Jehovah for the Holy Scriptures by which "the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:17) We are also grateful for such publications as the *Bible Stories* book and the *"Look!"* brochure. We appreciate their value and are happy that we can offer them to others during the month of December.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

- **Costa Rica reached new all-time peaks in July with 9,794 publishers and 12,229 Bible studies.**
- **France reports their 12th consecutive peak in regular pioneers, with 2,596 for July.**
- **Guatemala had new peaks of 8,941 publishers and 11,001 Bible studies during July.**
- **Hawaii reached an all-time peak of 5,456 publishers in July. The four "Divine Peace" District Conventions were enjoyed by 10,446, and 133 were baptized.**
- **Peru's peak of 22,371 publishers for July represents a 14-percent increase over last year's average.**

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	272	130.5	95.2	54.6	5.6
Pios.	51,381	85.6	45.4	29.3	2.8
Aux. Pios.	37,222	60.4	31.3	16.8	1.4
Pubs.	626,755	9.5	6.8	3.6	0.4
TOTAL	715,630				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,511

Excellent new peak of regular pioneers reached this month!

Disciples *(Cont'd)*

specifically to help them find interested persons with whom to conduct Bible studies. (Rom. 12:12; 1 Thess. 5:17) Have you done this? Have you made supplication to your heavenly Father for the privilege of finding and teaching someone who is sincerely searching for the truth?—Ezek. 9:4.

[6] During the 1985 service year, there were 447,298 Bible studies conducted on the average each month in the United States. This is indeed commendable. During that same period of time 9,021,009 Bibles, books, and booklets, as well as over 88 million magazines were placed. So the Society's publications are to be found in many homes where studies are not yet being conducted. Thus, it is apparent that there is a fine potential for starting more home Bible studies.

[7] Could it be that we need to be more Bible-study conscious and put forth a greater effort to start studies in the *"Look!"* brochure? Do you share in the ministry with a positive attitude, realizing that the angels are assisting in the work by directing Jehovah's people to the doors of those who desire to hear the "everlasting good news"? (Rev. 14:6) The great joy that will be yours as you help another person to learn the truth will more than compensate for the effort you put forth to follow Jesus' command to 'go make disciples' and teach them.